Technical know-how and skilled labor force should attract Canadian investors

By RUTH KAHANE

TEL AVIV —

Israel will gain duty free access to the European Economic Community as of July 1, opening up a major new market for Canadian investors who want to manufacture here and export to the continent.

It is because of this new advantage that Canadian Industry, Trade, and Commerce Minister Jean Chretien will bring a top-level delegation to Jerusalem at the end of May to meet with Israeli counterparts and establish a joint economic commission between the two countries.

At that meeting, Canada will make a governmental commitment to help foster investments and act as a catalyst in producing trade between the two countries, Canadian ambassador to Israel Edward G. Lee said in a recent interview.

Canadian government trade officials view Israel as an increasingly favorable place for business investments. But they foresee that it will be a major task for the joint commission to educate Canadian businessmen of the possibilities.

For Israel this new calling card is an important one because its ability to attract foreign investment "virtually dried up" after the October 1973 war and the mounting of the Arab boycott, Lee said.

But despite these factors there have been a significant number of new Canadian investments during the last year and a half. Israel is now the second largest recipient of Canadian export development credit, which provides long-term loans to foreign buyers of Canadian capital equipment and technical services.

"The Canadian government considers Israel a good business risk because of its business and government infrastructure. They have paid back all their (EDC) debts within the required period," he said.

Brian Baker, Canadian ministry of Industry, Trade, and Commerce commercial secretary here, said Israel has a number of other attractive features to combine with its free entry to the European Economic Community. The first is its labor market, which is skilled, yet relatively lower paid than in the West.

"There are a lot of developing countries with low paid labor, but they are low skilled. Israel's labor is skilled and has contact with the West. You notice in business that people are attuned mentally to the West. This makes a lot of difference."

Both Lee and Baker discussed the possibility of Canadians entering joint development projects with the Israeli kibbutz movements. Israel's 300 individual kibbutzim, based primarily on agriculture, are gradually venturing into more industrial enterprises to keep people employed, such as plastics, mechanical tools, and metal working.

In Baker's view, the kibbutz labor force is generally "highly technically qualified, and a more dedicated, stable labor unit than in other industrial sectors."

He said what is crucial for Israel is "to keep a cap on labor costs and maintain labor stability."

He views the country's labor situation as precarious because it has had a whole round of wage increases since February and many strikes were held last year without the support of labor's umbrella organization, the Histadrut. "It is a big question whether the Histadrut has power over its own workers," he said.

Baker said another attractive factor is that Israel's funding to foreign investors is "quite liberal," with the state investment authority offering incentives to foreign investors that add up to as much as 70 to 80% of the financing. They also protect foreign currency investments from the scheduled devaluations of the Israeli pound. The Israeli Investment Authority's incentive packages are geared to the foreign investor who commits himself to at least a 30 to 60% export market.

For Israel, expansion of its export market is the central strategy for economic survival. Last year, with vigilance to this task, it reaped surprisingly positive results, enabling a 20% reduction in the country's $3.6 billion balance of payments deficit.

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Begin victory seen possible in CJN pages

While Menachem Begin's victory seems to have come as a surprise and even shock to most observers of Israel's political scene, there were a number of indications of the Likud's victory carried in the pages of The Canadian Jewish News prior to the election.

The Likud leader himself told reporter Harvey Warren in a story that appeared on the front page, March 18, that he believed he had "a real chance" to become Israel's prime minister.

In Toronto for a speech, he told The CJN in the interview that the proportion between his Likud coalition and Rabin's Labor Alignment in terms of number of seats was 40 to 49 and a shift of a few thousand votes would put his party in power. He noted that such a situation had not existed "since the proclamation of our independence."

And in a lead editorial March 4, The CJN wrote in a final paragraph:

"At first glance, it therefore appears that Labor, with or without Mr. Rabin, faces defeat in May. But in the conservative world of Israeli politics, where resistance to abrupt change is more formidable, anything may happen. In the disillusioning months after the 1973 war, Labor was in trouble. But it won the December election with Mrs. Meir at the helm. Yitzhak Rabin, however, is not Golda Meir, and the problems today are more complex than four years ago. This is why the Labor Party may have lost the election — three months in advance."

On May 13, Montreal lawyer Howard Grief, a member of Canadian Herut national executive, wrote in a CJN article: "As the Israel election approaches, there appears to be no sure winner. Each of the front running parties, Labor under its new leader, Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Likud under its charismatic, but ailing chieftain, Menachem Begin, may emerge on top with only a slight difference in seats between them."

Menachem Begin casts his vote in the ninth Israeli election. His Likud Party emerged with most seats in the contest. Health problems are plaguing the 64-year-old this week.

Yadin or Arens may be PM

Health of Begin causes uncertainty

By YITZHAK SHARGIL

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Likud leader Menachem Begin was rushed to Ichilov Hospital Sunday night and placed in an intensive care unit. He was undergoing a series of tests before it would be decided when he could leave hospital.

Begin, who suffered a heart attack five weeks ago, fell ill at the Sharon Hotel at Herzliya where he was resting after a gruelling election campaign that brought victory to his party.

His doctors say it's not a heart attack, but he'll be kept for a week in hospital.

Likud said its negotiations with other parties aimed at forming a coalition government would continue in Begin's absence. The committee said it would meet with the leadership of the Democratic Movement for Change, which emerged from the election as Israel's third largest political party.

Begin, 64, recovered from his heart attack and was able to participate in the final stages of the election campaign. Last week, he decided to vacation at the Sharon Hotel before plunging into coalition talks.

He said his physicians said he was fit for his normal duties. His rest at the hotel was constantly interrupted by reporters, diplomats and his party colleagues. At noon Sunday, he lunched with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis at Kfar Shmar Zahu on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. He began to feel sick in the evening.

Begin's hospitalization aroused speculation in political circles that his doctors may not allow him to undertake strenuous work for some time, and that, for health reasons, he may not be able to form a government.

DMC sources hinted Monday that chances of its joining a Likud-led coalition would be improved if Begin were ruled out as premier. They cited the adverse image Begin has abroad because of his leadership of the pre-state underground fighting group, Irgun Zvai Leumi.

Political sources said that Likud without Begin would be more acceptable to the Labor Party as a possible coalition partner. Some sources believe that Labor Party leader Shimon Peres might engineer a Labor-Likud coalition under these circumstances, despite his repeated assertions that the gap between the two parties on domestic and foreign policy issues was unbridgeable.

Speculation was also current on who Likud might propose for premier should Begin be unable to assume that office.

Some sources mention Knesset member Moshe Arens, 52, a professor of aeronautics at the Technion in Haifa. Others suggested Likud may offer the premiership to DMC leader Yigael Yadin, an internationally prominent archeologist, while retaining all key ministries for Likud.

The final count of the May 17 vote shows that Likud now has 43 seats in the Knesset, an increase of four compared to the previous Knesset and that the Labor Alignment has 32 seats, a loss of 19. The final count also shows that the DMC has 15 seats. The Rakah Communists have five seats, an increase of one.

The seats for the other parties, along with the seats held in the previous Knesset shown in parenthesis, are: National Religious Party, 12 (10); Agudah, 4 (4); Sheli (a coalitioin of Moked and several other left-wing groupings), 2 (in previous Knesset, Moked had one); Shlomzion, 2 (0); Flatto-Sharon, 1 (0); Independent Liberals, 1 (4); Citizens Right Movement, 1 (3); United Arab List, 1 (3), and Poalei Aguda, 1 (1).

The final count, which included the army vote, also shows some 74,000 Israelis eligible to vote could not cast their ballots because their names were not included in the voter registration list. Justice Elijah Manny, chairman of the central election committee, told army radio "masses of voters could not cast their ballots because the Interior Ministry did not prepare a new voters' register." The votes were the equivalent of five Knesset seats.

TORONTO —

Leaders here reacted with surprise to Begin's victory and were somewhat hesitant to comment on the results.

Phil Givens, president of The Canadian Zionist Federation, said he had consulted with a number of people prior to the election and no one had predicted this result. But he added nothing surprises him in politics.

He said he personally likes Begin — "a great speaker and leader" — but he wondered about the quality of his party's top leadership.

Canadian Jewish Congress President Rabbi Gunther Plaut in a written statement said: "The people of Israel are fiercely and passionately devoted to the democratic process and worked their will. We abroad salute the people of Israel and the new government and we will support it in every way possible."

United Israel of Appeal of Canada Vice-President Joseph Lunenfeld was also surprised, saying a recent trip to Israel had indicated to him such a result would be most unlikely. The results would not affect fund-raising, he said.

UJA hopes to double money raised in walkathon

TORONTO —

Both young and old will be walking, running or swimming on Sunday, May 29 for the United Jewish Appeal.

Maccabiah '77, which includes the UJA's eighth annual walkathon, the UJA-B'nai B'rith runathon and the YM-YWHA swimathon, is expected to attract record participation from the community. An indication of the popularity of these events is the heavy demand for sponsor booklets. Sponsors are asked to pledge for laps covered in the swim and run and for kilometers covered in the walk.

The walkathon usually raises $100,000 so it's not unreasonable to hope for at least double that amount, according to UJA officials.

As of last weekend, teams for the runathon had been entered by the Don Mills, Leonard Mayzel, Thornhill, Toronto Freedom, Upper Canada and Wilson Heights lodges of B'nai B'rith; also from the Southern African Jewish Association in Canada, the YM-YWHA and Baycrest Terrace.

The runathon takes place on the track at Northview Heights Secondary School, Finch and Bathurst. A competitive relay race begins at 9 a.m. A non-competitive relay and individual run starts at 11.

The swimathon, at both the North and South 'Y', commences at 4 p.m. and lasts until 9. Heavy registration is reported at both 'Y's. 'Y' staff will supervise at both locations — Leslie Michener at the North 'Y' and Paul Brownstein at the North 'Y'.

The 26-kilometer walkathon starts at 8 a.m. at Baycrest Centre parking lot and winds up at the Ulpanat Orot Girls School, 4445 Bathurst, just north of Sheppard.

Walkathon officials have been promised careful supervision along the route by the Toronto police department. Walkers will get free oranges, apples and soft drinks at various checkpoints.

A free phone service will be available at the final checkpoint. An information service will be in operation throughout the day — phone 638-5434.

The UJA offers this advice to participants in all events: When you feel too tired, quit. Neither event is an endurance test. You are demonstrating your interest in Israel and the Jewish community when you agree to walk, run or swim and that's what counts most. Overdoing it may be harmful.

A REPRESENTATIVE LIGHT

Harriet Morton of Toronto takes part in candle lighting ceremony in Jerusalem recently to commemorate 10th anniversary of reunification of Holy City. She was chosen to represent North American Israel Bonds women volunteers. (Story, Page 3.)

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Washington is warned

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Likud leader Menachem Begin has wasted no time in imprinting his particular stamp on Israeli foreign policy. Within days of his party's plurality victory in the May 17 election, the 64-year-old politician warned Washington about the perils of an imposed settlement and paid a visit to Kadum, an unauthorized outpost on the West Bank.

After urging the Carter administration to allow "free negotiations between all the parties concerned", the Polish-born politician visited Kadum and proclaimed it and all of the West Bank as "the land of liberated Israel."

Begin's unequivocable statement on the West Bank raises the question whether the former chief of the Irgun Zvai Leumi underground movement intends to fulfil his campaign promises.

If he is serious about his party's political rhetoric, a clash between Washington and Jerusalem is inevitable; if the rhetoric is meant for internal consumption, Israeli policy will basically follow the contours mapped out by the Labor coalition.

Whatever Begin's intentions may be, President Jimmy Carter has already served notice on Israel that the U.S.will not tolerate an inflexible Israeli stand on the occupied areas. In an address at Notre Dame University, Carter said the U.S. expects the Likud to abide by United Nations commitments on returning the territories, and declared that failure to pursue peace negotiations could "mean disaster".

Begin claims Likud is ready for talks with the Arab states and asserts that "we stand for peace." Yet, if his statement becomes a true reflection of Israel's foreign policy, the prospects of an Arab-Israeli accommodation will be slim indeed.

For, in the eyes of the Arabs, there will be pitifully little to talk about if the Likud refuses to relinquish the West Bank. The outgoing Labor coalition, like the Likud, opposes the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. But, unlike the Likud, it is on record that Israel should withdraw from parts of the West Bank within the context of a fair settlement.

As for the esfablishment of settlements in the occupied areas, Likud's position is much clearer — and far more extreme — than Labor's ever was. Three prime ministers — Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin — authorized the setting up of some 77 outposts on the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Golan Heights and Sinai Peninsula. But Labor's policy was predicated on the fact that the West Bank was not necessarily an indispensible part of Israeli territory.

Likud, however, views the West Bank in another light. Begin made this crystal clear, calling the West Bank an "inseparable component of Israeli sovereignty", and pledging that more settlements would be built. Begin's resolve may be reinforced by the partners which join his coalition government-to-be.

The likelihood is that the National Religious Party, which won 12 seats as against 10 in the 1973 election, will join a Likud regime. So will the Agudah Torah Front, in the opinion of analysts. For religious and chauvinistic reasons, both the NRP and the Torah Front are adamantly opposed to an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank. Ariel Sharon, whose ShlomZion party picked up two Knesset seats, also opposes a withdrawal from the West Bank. The expectation is that Sharon, a Yom Kippur War hero and co-founder of the Likud bloc, will be a member of the next Israeli cabinet.

Men like Begin, Sharon and Ezer Weizman — Likud's campaign manager, and one-time Israeli air force commander — believe that the West Bank should be ruled by Israeli law. That is a euphemistic way of saying that Israel should annex the West Bank. In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News some two years ago, Weizman said any Arab who so desired should be permitted to be an Israeli citizen.

It was a noble thought, but one fraught with dangers. In a democratic state, the majority should rule. Under Weizman's prescription for peace, the Arabs would, by definition, take the reins of power and thus begin building what would in effect be a "democratic, secular state" — a goal advocated by the PLO.

Weizman's objective is obviously not a democratic, secular state. Yet the logic of his argument leads in this direction. Most Likud officials are known to favor this approach as well. Pundits think the Likud will disavow this position with the passage of time.

Engineering bodies are divided over government and the boycott

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

Ontario's consulting engineers and their national body, the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada, are divided on the question of government intervention on the Arab boycott.

At the annual meeting last week of the Consulting Engineers of Ontario, the group voted 29 to 11, with some 37 abstentions, to dissociate itself from a statement made by the parent ACEC's president, expressing opposition to federal "interference" with companies complying with the boycott.

Jack Chisvin, an engineer who introduced the matter at the Ontario meeting, told The CJN that, given the facts, a majority of Canada's consulting engineers would favor binding legislation.

(ACEC President Paul Beauchemin told a March press conference in Ottawa that his association "is realistic enough to recognize that under accepted principles of international law, boycotts or embargoes are seen as a legitimate form of economic warfare between sovereign nations.")

Chisvin says the government's guidelines introduced last October are "ineffective. If you don't comply, so what. They'll call you a stinker.... There's got to be teeth in it, penalties or rewards."

His firm, the ECE Group of consulting engineers, on three different occasions was asked to drop out of a consortium of firms bidding in the Middle East because the principal partners are Jewish.

On two occasions the pro-

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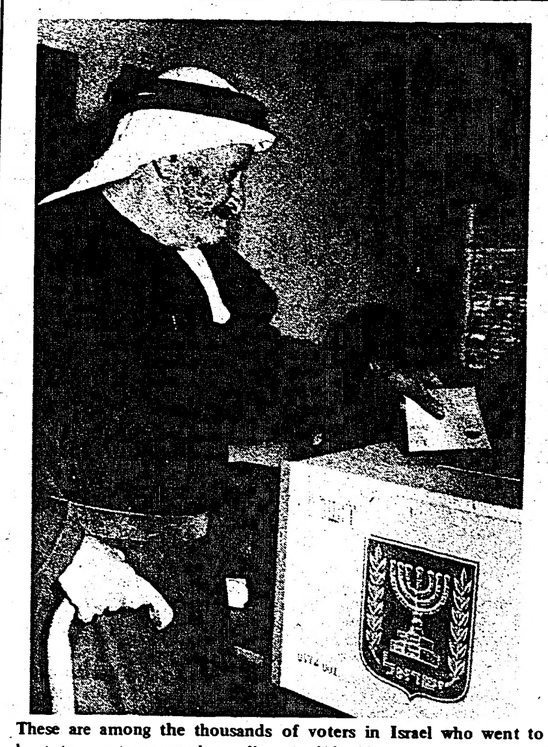

These are among the thousands of voters in Israel who went to the polls last week and came up with a startling result — at least to most seasoned pundits. At left, elderly man votes in village in Abu Gosh. There was a good turnout of Arab voters throughout the country. Right, resident of Western Wall Yeshiva in Jerusalem casts his ballot in voting for ninth Knesset.

No imposed settlement

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ellenville, New York — Jimmy Carter's legal counsel, Robert Lipshutz, denied last week persistent press reports that Washington would impose a settlement on Israel and force it to withdraw its troops to the 1967 ceasefire lines.

Lipshutz, a $56,000-a-year aide, said he could discern no contradiction between the president's call for defensible Israeli borders and the need for Israel to evacuate the occupied territories.

He made these comments in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News minutes before he was to address a B'nai B'rith convention at the Nevele Country Club here.

Speaking in a soft Georgian drawl, the 55-year-old native Atlantan said the United States had no intention of adopting the ill-fated 1969 Rogers Plan, which envisaged a substantial Israeli withdrawal from the occupied areas. He explained that Carter's recent flurry of speeches on the subject of a Middle East settlement were meant to bring what was always a private debate into the open.

A courtly man who served as Carter's national campaign treasurer, Lipshutz said it was up to the parties in the Arab-Israeli dispute to solve their own problems.

Nevertheless, he added, Washington had its own ideas about the substantive details of a settlement.

These were: an overall agreement whereby Israel and the Arab states could establish diplomatic, commercial and cultural ties, a resolution of the Palestinian question, and a workable solution to bring about defensible frontiers.

Addressing himself to the first principle, Lipshutz asserted that unless "a relationship between the people is established, there cannot be true peace." On the Palestinians, the Georgian said it would be "foolhardy to ignore the Palestinians." He said the exact borders of a Palestinian state must be determined by the parties themselves.

As for defensible frontiers, Lipshutz said this concept could be interpreted in a variety of ways. "There are innumerable methods by which to secure Israel other than geography," he said in reference to Jerusalem's demand to station its troops in the bulk of the occupied territories.

Lipshutz said Israel's security could be met through buffer zones, electronic devices, constant air surveillance and the leasing of land, such as Sharm el Sheikh, from the Arabs.

In his public remarks, the presidential counsel said Carter's commitment to Israel transcended American strategic interests. Washington's support of the Jewish state was grounded in moral precepts as well, he said.

Lipshutz, a B'nai B'rith member himself, said human rights was a fundamental aspect of U.S. foreign policy, and he pledged the administration would always denounce the infringement of civil liberties, wherever they occurred.

He also released a copy of a letter in which Carter repudiated charges that he had taught his Bible class that Jews had killed Christ.

An excerpt of the letter, addressed to a Lutheran priest in Washington, read:

"I know and am personally gratified by the fact that the highest authorities of the major Christian Churches, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox, have totally and decisively rejected the charge that the Jewish people as a whole were then or are not responsible for the death of Christ.

"My own denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, adopted an official resolution on June 7, 1972, declaring anti-Semitism as un-Christian and as being opposed to any and all forms of it."

Meanwhile, the chairman of the World Jewish Congress executive committee, said "one of the least attractive attributes of the rebirth of Israel" was the proliferation of armchair strategists in the Diaspora. "We have too many 'generals' and 'diplomats'," said Philip M. Klutznick, declaring that only Israel was competent enough to solve its diplomatic problems.

"It's not for us to define where borders begin and end," he said in a rambling, unfocused speech. "Only the parties directly involved can determine these issues." "Only those who make war can make peace," he added. "All else is commentary. We confuse the world when we in the Diaspora pose as experts."

In an interview following his address, Klutznick — a longtime presidential advisor and diplomat — confirmed that he was going to Egypt at the invitation of President Sadat. "But we're not going there to represent Israel under any circumstances."

He said the formation of a coalition of conservative Arab regimes composed of Syria, Egypt and Jordan increases the chances of a peaceful settlement.

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Robert Lipshutz

Philip Klutznick

Bonanza for MDs, dentists

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT — Every year some 8,000 Iranians, about half of them Moslems, come to Israel for medical checkups, treatment and operations.

They do so because Israel is the only country near Iran with Western-level medicine and because medical costs here are up to 50% lower than they would be in the U.S. or in most of Western Europe.

The cost differences stem primarily from the fact that Israeli doctors earn only one-fifth as much as their American counterparts, and are naturally more than pleased to supplement their meagre salaries with fees from well-to-do Iranians.

They would have no objections to dealing with Americans, Western Europeans or Australians — who might come here for a combination of tourism and treatment. However, patients from advanced countries are unlikely to arrive until such time as Israel can provide not only good doctors, but also more high-level private hospitals.

On the other hand, Israeli dentists are already earning plenty of dollars from overseas visitors, particularly Americans, who are attracted by their comparatively low fees.

To give just one example, root canal work on a molar costs $60-$75 in Israel as compared to $275-$350 in the U.S. This has persuaded many an American visitor to divide his time between the holy places and the dentist's chair. In many cases, what he saves on his teeth more than pays for the entire trip.

Israel is also exporting medical education. Years ago the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School was already training would-be doctors from Africa and Asia, and now the medical school of Tel Aviv University has signed an agreement with the State of New York to admit 40 New Yorkers a year (for a special English-language program).

Tel Aviv University gets $16,000 per student (for tuition and living expenses), thus helping its budget, while the New York State government benefits no less. Setting up a new medical school there for the same number of students would take seven years and cost New York taxpayers an estimated $200 million.

Locally-developed medical instruments likewise bring in their fair share of foreign currency. For example the Sharplan surgical laser — creation of plastic surgeon Isaac Kaplan and engineer Uzi Sharon — last year enjoyed export sales of nearly $1 million.

Because it permits pinpoint surgery, the Sharplan laser helps to reduce operative and post-operative bleeding, making it particularly valuable in operations on hemophiliacs, as well as in liver and kidney operations. It also reduces infection by cutting without physical contact.

More recently, two additional instruments of the same type have been developed here and will soon go on sale around the world. One of them is a compact laser device for ear, nose and throat surgery, neurosurgery and micro-surgery. The other is used for bone cutting and the treatment of burns.

All this is very nice for the Israel medical profession, but still greater opportunities may lie ahead. If and when a peace settlement with the Arabs is achieved, all those ailing, super-rich oil sheikhs will be able to save themselves trips to Harley Street and the Mayo Clinic. Instead, they'll just hop over to Tel Aviv, where Israeli doctors will gladly do for them what they are already doing for so many Iranians.

Jews more loyal

PARIS [JCNS] — About 38% of the French public believe that French Jews would be more loyal to Israel than to France if they had to face the problem, according to a Gallup poll carried out for the daily newspaper Le Matin.

A total of 18% of the 1,000 people questioned in the sample poll said that they believed that French Jews would be more loyal to France and the remaining 44% expressed no opinion.

According to the poll, anti-Semitism was still found in France, but it was less acute. About 22% of the people questioned said that they had strong feelings against Jews and 17% said that there were too many Jews in the country. Only 5% said that they sympathized with the Jews.

Fascist body called 'odious' by politician

LONDON [JCNS] — A strong attack on the National Front, which he described as "odious", was made recently by William Whitelaw, the Conservative Party deputy leader and shadow home secretary.

He also warned that if the "inheritors of fascist organizations of the 30s had success in stirring color prejudice, no one should imagine it would end there. "It will not," he said.

He also warned that any move towards forceable repatriation of colored people would be "disastrous," and he stressed that it was not sufficient just to attack the National Front, but to wean away from its ranks by allaying the fears which had caused them to be attracted to the movement. He urged people to show a welcome to their colored neighbors, many of whom were born in the country and whose contribution to Britain must be remembered.

Whitelaw then declared that he believed that his party stood wholly behind him in condemning discrimination and the "wholly odious activities of the National Front." He added: "We must stand up to be counted and I promise you we will."

Whitelaw was addressing a meeting here of the B'nai B'rith First Lodge of England, whose president, Bernard Garbacz, was in the chair.

Later, in thanking the speaker, MP Greville Janner also warned that the National Front was not only the enemy of the colored people, but also of the Jews. They were the enemies of all minorities, he said.

But he criticized those Jews who do not realize the dangers of the National Front, which polled 119,000 votes in the Greater London Council Elections. "No more can we think that we can forget about the fascists, and that they will go away. They won't."

In reply to a question concerning the action of Arab students against Jewish student societies on university campuses in Britain, Whitelaw said: "We should all do something about it. The only effective way is to get students to stand up and be counted and to say 'stop this nonsense'. We will encourage Conservative students in these universities to do just that."

Protest TV shows about Jerusalem

LONDON [JCNS] — Both the Israel Embassy here, and the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, have strongly protested to the Independent Broadcasting Authority and to the chairman of Thames Television over the program on Jerusalem presented by Jonathan Dimbleby last week.

It is understood that the embassy has also requested an opportunity to redress what it regarded as a biased and distorted report on Jerusalem.

George Garai, information officer of the Zionist Federation, described the Dimbleby program as "vicious and outrageously biased anti-Israel propaganda."

The Thames Television production, and a BBC2 program on Jerusalem on Saturday night marked "Yom Yerushalayim" — the 10th anniversary of the re-unification of Israel's capital. Both were strongly focused on the inherent conflict between Jew and Arab and neither have adequate recognition to the practical benefits that have come to East Jerusalem with Israeli rule, or the daily co-existence between them on the purely functional and human levels, which transcend the great national, religious and political divide in the Holy City.

But in fairness and balance the two programs differed a great deal. Whereas the 90-minute program on BBC, presented by James Cameron under the title "Jerusalem — City of Two Tales", attempted to give a balanced view from both sides of the bitter divide, Dimbleby's offering (which lasted only some 30 minutes) very definitely preferred the Arab tale.

His program (produced by David Elstein, who happens to be Jewish), was entitled, significantly, "Jerusalem — Now It Is Ours," and conveyed throughout the message of a harsh Jewish occupation brought about by conquest, and maintained by brutal force and even torture.

Both programs naturally made the self-evident point that the 100,000 Jerusalem Arabs resent Israeli occupation. But whereas Cameron described it as neither onerous nor oppressive, Dimbleby gave prominence to unsubstantiated Arab allegations of harassment, ill-treatment and torture on a scale which, he said, if the allegations were true, constituted a persistent and gross violation of human rights.

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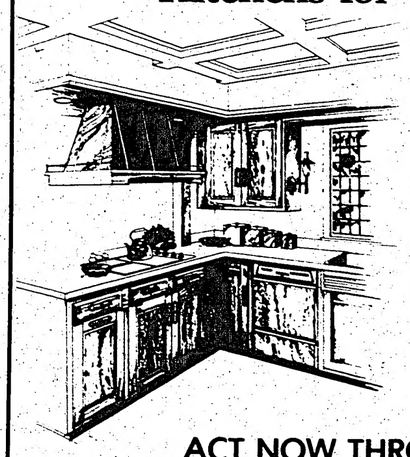

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Town crier, played by Dr. J. J. Jeffries, proclaims YMHA Week, May 30—June 5 as Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey (right) and 'Y' President Wilfred Posluns look on. (See 'Y' supplement starting on Page 9.)

Community marches

Reunification celebrated

KINGSTON —

The Jewish community here marked the 10th anniversary of the re-unification of Jerusalem on Sunday, May 15, with a solidarity march and rally.

Over 125 men, women and children converged at the Beth Israel Synagogue and proceeded to walk down main streets, Union and Barrie.

Joining the marchers and later addressing the crowd at MacDonald Park were MP Flora MacDonald, Keith Norton, provincial minister of social and community services, and Mayor Ken Keyes. Also participating in the march were a contingent from Watertown, New York, and local clergymen representing the different denominations.

In her keynote address, Ms MacDonald spoke about the great sense of commitment and dedication she saw in Israel during her recent visit. She said that Canadians should support the only true democracy in the Middle East for the benefit not only of Israel, but of Canada as well.

Canadians can learn from the spirited Israelis' greater pride and commitment to their country, she added.

Shlomo Horowitz, rabbi of the Beth Israel Synagogue and program co-ordinator of Israel Solidarity Day of Jerusalem, also addressed the gathering.

He identified Jerusalem as "not just a city, not just a religious centre, not just a capital, but as the very soul of the Jewish people."

Stressing that for the first time in 1,900 years there is once again religious freedom for all in Jerusalem, he remarked that Jerusalem is a city whose dream of peace is still unfulfiled, but whose promise of peace will yet come true.

Mort Berman, president of the Jewish Community Council of Kingston, said celebrating Yom Yerushalayim in such a fashion would help fortify the community of 150 families.

Concluding the day's programing was a song and dance festival starring Israeli singer Rivka Peled, the Ami Chai Dancers from Ottawa, and the Beth Israel Players.

Hold party

BRANTFORD —

The local Jewish community is inviting all former residents to join in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in Brantford, which coincides with the city's centennial celebration, July 10 to 14.

Beth David synagogue will have a display of pictures, documents and other factual material about the life of the Jewish pioneers who came to Brantford in late 19th century. It will include material dealing with the contributions made by the Jewish community to the total life of the community, up to the present time.

Sadie Stren, chairman of the historical committee, is working in co-operation with the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, archives. She is asking former residents of the local Jewish community to send her pictures and other material dealing with the community.

It is suggested that former residents choose Sunday, July 10, for their visit to Brantford and Mrs. Stren assures them of a warm welcome.

Harriet Morton new division head for Note project

TORONTO —

An expanded effort involving the First Canadian Capital Note project for Israel has led to the appointment of Harriet Morton, an active leader in Toronto State of Israel Bonds, as women's division chairman for Bank Lemelacha Ltd. Capital Notes. Jerry Vengroff, Toronto business leader, is serving as chairman of the project for the 1977 campaign, in the community-at-large.

Bank Lemelacha was established by the Association of Artisans and Small Industries jointly with the State of Israel for the purpose of promoting and expanding the development of craftsmanship and small industries in Israel — the backbone of the Israeli economy. The Canadian Capital Notes of the bank are sold in Canada through the Israel Bond Organization.

In Harriet Morton's view, it is a project of particular interest to women in the community who want to help Israel's economy, and yet at the same time require a higher interest rate (the Notes pay 7%%) for a portion of the funds they can invest in or lend to Israel (Israel Bonds yield a 4% return).

Mrs. Morton has held a number of top posts in the women's division of Israel Bonds, and is prominent in numerous communal endeavors. She serves currently as president of Toronto's Women's ORT.

PQ outlines policy

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Dr. Victor Goldbloom

ELLENVILLE, N.Y. —

An influential Parti Quebecois parliamentarian told a B'nai B'rith convention here that Bill 1, the controversial charter of the French language, will not deprive minorities in the province of any of their civil rights.

Gilbert Paquette, chairman of the committee that drafted Bill 1, said the objective of the government was not to create a closed, ethnocentric society under which anglophones would lose their human rights, but rather one in which ethnic groups flourished.

"We want to encourage the culture of ethnic groups," the 35-year-old MNA for Rosemont said in an interview prior to his address at the Nevele Country Club, the site of District 22's 14th annual convention.

Later, in his formal speech, the pipe-smoking mathematics professor appealed for understanding. He told some 475 delegates from Montreal, Toronto and other urban centres from across Eastern Canada that French Quebeckers constitute a nation. Alluding to Jewish attachment to Israel, Paquette asserted: "I think you can understand the feelings Quebecers have for a homeland."

Although his speech elicited polite applause, B'nai B'rith leaders were not impressed by Paquette's remarks.

"He was just trying to sugarcoat Bill 1," noted Max Shecter, an international vice-president who lives in Toronto. "We do not agree with the full objectives of the Parti Quebecois but we understand them a little better now," commented Harvey Crestohl of Montreal, the new president of District 22.

Crestohl's predecessor, Morris Flicht of Toronto, was even harsher in his assessment. "The PQ seems to be saying one thing and doing another. They talk about human rights, but everything they do appears to indicate that there will be an infringement of human rights."

In an interview, Paquette said that Jewish schools will continue to be subsidized by the government, and he denied a Montreal press report that Quebec City was on the verge of cutting off subsidies to the Jewish General Hospital. "This is a rumor without foundation," he said.

The MNA said he was disappointed by what he called the paranoiac reaction of the anglophone community to his government. But, he added, "we've been a minority for so long, so we know how they feel. Things will settle down and they will see how we attack the problem of language."

Declaring that Bill 1 was no worse than the Liberals' Bill 22, Paquette said the PQ sought a "loose kind of federalism, a sovereignty-association option." In reply to a question, he said he doubted that a large number of Quebecers would leave Quebec.

"Quebec is their own land, like mine...."

Paquette said the present language policies were long in coming, and he reminded his audience that a significant minority of Quebec leaders opposed Quebec's entry into Confederation 110 years ago.

In an earlier address to the convention, Victor Goldbloom, a former Quebec cabinet minister, said a heavy cloud of concern hangs over the Jewish community.

He said the community was not as concerned by the linguistic as by the economic implications of Bill 1. The onetime minister of municipal affairs in the Liberal Bourassa regime characterized the PQ government as "inward looking". That meant "other people are not taken into account" when vital decisions are made.

MNA for Darcy McGee, Dr. Goldbloom speculated who would be defined, and ultimately accepted, as a Quebecer in the future He noted that Premier Levesque had assured the recent Canadian Jewish Congress plenary in Montreal that Jews were as much Quebecers as French Canadians. Yet he wondered whether bureaucratic directives would comply with the premier's views on the issue.

Dr. Goldbloom urged BB delegates not to compare French Canadian nationalism with anti-Semitic forms of nationalism, saying that negativism toward the Jews, based on religious and historical factors, had not emerged in Quebec.

Nevertheless, he added, the passage of time and of language legislation might make it diffi-

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Labor flounders

Begin's victory

The victory of Menachem Begin's Likud bloc in last week's Israeli elections is the beginning of a new and perhaps unpredictable chapter in the turbulent history of the Jewish state. It was not altogether a surprise outcome when one takes into account the major factors which influenced the voters: high inflation, corruption, government scandals and lack of strong leadership.

It would seem from this distance that the Israeli voters were more intent on defeating the Labor coalition which has ruled Israel ever since the founding of the state in 1948 than they were in electing Mr. Begin's party. If ever a party could be said to have been the architect of its own downfall, it was the shaky Labor regime.

The victory of the Likud reflects the will of the people of Israel, expressed through a democratic electoral process — the only one in the entire Middle East — and we must leave to the political pundits the question whether the outcome constitutes a pro-Likud slant or an anti-Labor vote. In any event, the only certainty is that the coming weeks will constitute a fascinating study for students of political bargaining strategies. As has been the case with every government since Israel was born, no single party has enough seats to govern independently of other groups. Mr. Begin must, in the absence of an overall majority, form a coalition if he wishes to assume the mantle of prime minister.

Compromise is the name of the game, more so in Israel than in most nations, and Mr. Begin will have to practise it even if it means forsaking, or at least softening, hard and fast ideological positions. He is known for a tough, uncompromising stand on the occupied areas and Palestinian rights, but now that he has left opposition ranks and is about to assume the awesome task of leadership in his sorely troubled country, his rigid views must be subjected to the process of compromise.

On the basis of statements made by Mr. Begin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres shortly after the election results became known, there appears little likelihood of a coalition partnership between Likud and the Labor Alignment. The Labor government's position with respect to creation of a Palestinian state differs from that of the Likud, which claims all of the West Bank is the land of Israel.

Whatever the final coalition formula, it will most likely involve major compromises reflecting the views of its partners. Mr. Begin wants a government of national unity but before this can be achieved, the issue of recognition of Palestinian rights must be settled. Israel needs a strong government but not one fettered by inflexibility.

There is a tendency on the part of the press and other media to adopt simplistic slogans which are apt to be misleading. An example is the description of right-wing applied to the Likud. This is no more acceptable than to describe our own Progressive Conservative Party as fascist, an entirely unwarranted epithet. If we examine the composition of Likud and its socio-economic and general political principles, we see that in terms of its domestic outlook, it is in fact a liberal-conservative grouping which espouses reformist policies. These include the creation of a viable national health service, a free enterprise economy and the reform of what is generally acknowledged to be a top-heavy and grossly inefficient bureaucracy. It was these domestic problems, as opposed to foreign policy, which dictated the choice of the Israeli electorate.

The prospect of a government headed by Mr. Begin brought screams from the Arab world, which accused him of being a terrorist whose victory at the polls made another round of Middle East war inevitable. This is nothing more than another outburst from Arab propagandists seeking to make capital from the election results. As The Globe and Mail so well put it in a leading editorial: "...the world could do without the shrieks of 'terrorism' from the Palestine Liberation Organization and from any Arab capitals that have armed and supported PLO terrorism when it suited their purposes. Hypocrisy that blatant can only be self-defeating."

Finally, our assessment of Mr. Begin must not rest upon his rhetoric but rather upon the quality of his performance. It should never be forgotten that in company with nearly every other Israeli party, Likud shares the Zionist dream of a Jewish state at peace with its neighbors and with itself.

Ersatz guides

Judaism is a religious civilization which requires serious study. It cannot be apprehended, generally, through some magic moment of conversion.

In the past, the Jew immersed himself in his traditions and in his religious literature with a view to understanding better the fabric of Jewish life and thought.

Certain regimens were recommended.

From the age of five or even earlier, the Jewish child was initiated into the study of Torah and of its commentaries. With maturity, the aspiring student of Judaism went on to Mishna and Gemara. In adult life the Jew continued his study of Talmud and the more sophisticated also delved into esoteric areas such as Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism.

In all these enterprises the Jew never read his materials; one does not read Talmud. The Jew studied his texts with admirable assiduousness.

We do not suggest that all Jews in the past were equally at home in this world of learning. But at the very least, the respect was there.

In the modern age where "how to" books abound, there has been a startling array of texts produced inviting Jews to acquire their heritage through a kind of instant osmosis.

Publishers, sensing that a huge market exists out there, have rushed into print with manuals purporting to explain to the neophyte not only the essence of Judaism but its details as well.

The interested Jewish reader can now avail himself of catalogues, yellow pages and other instructional materials that furnish him, with greater or lesser plenitude, all that he apparently needs to know about a heritage that goes back 5,000 years.

There is no intrinsic harm in the type of books now available. In fact, their perusal indicates, in some instances, considerable research on the part of the authors. Others show evidence of careful writing and tight, disciplined approaches to the study of Judaism.

Yet there is a disturbing side to the proliferation of such volumes.

If the impression is conveyed that knowledge of Judaism can be acquired merely by sifting through one of those new brightly covered paper bound volumes (which are profusely illustrated) then what is the need for the study of the Torah, of the codes or of the Talmud? Our need for instant knowledge may apply to many things in this complicated age. It cannot be suitable for probing the depths of the Jewish religion, culture and history.

The best that can be said on behalf of the new popular summaries and digests of Jewish faith and practice is that they may serve as pump primers and encourage people to explore the original texts.

If reading about Judaism will lead to study of Judaism then these ersatz guides will have served a useful purpose.

The Ghetto Fighters Museum in Israel has struck a medal honoring Dr. Janusz Korczak, a Polish writer and humanitarian who perished in the Warsaw Ghetto. He organized the famous House of Orphans in 1911 and served it until its seizure by Germans in 1942. He accompanied his charges into the ghetto and remained with them until the bitter end.

Mayor of rural, francophone town symbol of fruitful co-existence

By TOBA KORENBLUM

Willie Rudy, the 69-year-old mayor of francophone Ste. Sophie, a rural community of 4,000 nestled in the Laurentians, has the weathered countenance of a seasoned farmer and the frank, down-to-earth outlook, too.

The first (and only) rural Jewish mayor in the province since the 1850s, Rudy's story is symbolic of the small enclave of Jews in Quebec whose co-existence and fruitful collaboration with their French-speaking country neighbors is a matter of record. And it's also the narrative of a dying community of farmers and small retailers holding on to a rare rural heritage.

Grandson of a shoichet, and a dairy farmer until his retirement three years ago, Rudy will proudly tell you that he has been elected twice by acclamation with the highest plurality in this over 90% francophone town. ("In the summer," he beams, "the population is 15,000.")

He was born in Ste. Sophie of Russian immigrant parentage. The community and neighboring New Glascow support some 18 Jewish families and a roughly similar number of anglophones of Irish-Scottish stock. Close to 98% of the Jews are bilingual.

Two of his six town councillors are affiliated with the Parti Quebecois, although he swears sternly: "I don't let federal or provincial politics in the municipal hall." And with armchair wisdom he's reflective about the 'situation' in the province: "Jews in the big city, the big businessmen, have become too hysterical."

Confiding some down-home truth, he remarks: "As long as the English and French don't get together, the Jews have nothing to worry about. When there is a detente between the English and French — then the Jew will be a scapegoat. As long as they argue among themselves, they will forget about the Jew." He smiles.

A member of the municipal council for 19 years, Rudy dismisses the question of anti-Semitism in modern-day rural Quebec. Jews, he says, are better accepted in his hamlet than in urban life and points to their political involvement: three out of five members of the local Protestant School Board are Jewish, including the chairman (Rudy chaired it himself for 19 years); the Caisse Populaire, some six years ago, elected three Jews to its board of directors, and three town councillors are Jews.

But, indirectly, it was anti-Semitism that got him addicted to the political world, at the age of 19. While at a town hall meeting, he saw a Jewish farmer publicly berated on religious grounds and in that moment of passion and ire, committed himself to politics.

A veritable political machine in the territory and staunch Liberal, he says his first electoral defeats were at the hand of a Union Nationale candidate who promised the voters 'as long as I'm mayor, there'll never be a Jew on council'.

Although he says the likes of fiery anti-Semite Adrien Arcand had little influence on rural tastes in the '30s and '40s, he notes there is a small residue of anti-Jewishness which he can tolerate. Two community papers, attacking Rudy on grounds of political patronage, commented that the mayor received a $2.5 million government grant for sewers from then municipal affairs minister Victor Goldbloom "because they are of the same religion and nationality".

Mayor Willie Rudy (right) of Ste. Sophie, Que., attends sod breaking ceremony for controversial $2.5 million sewer project. Local priest and provincial MNA are unidentified.

Yet, he's perfectly candid about his neighbors: "I think it's far easier for a Jew to get along with a French Canadian than an English Canadian. If a Frenchman is your friend, or if he doesn't like you, he lets you know. With an Englishman, you don't know where you stand."

The crusty yet reserved farmer-mayor has also staked a claim to fame in the Jewish community. His maternal grandfather built and operated one of the first Jewish kosher resorts in the Laurentians, Kottenberg's, which at its heyday had 32 rooms, served 250 people at three dinner sittings on Sundays, throwing in live entertainment to boot.

Built before World War I, the resort attracted a large clientele from Montreal until its closing in 1943, and it was there Rudy met his Riga-born wife, Jennie. "It was lots of fun, with lots of young people," he says, recalling bunking in the barn, on hay, when the house was full.

The Rudy farm, also operated with Rosenberg cousins, served as a shul; although the community maintains a synagogue with a cemetery and runs two minyans at High Holiday times.

His two children have moved off the farm, and he sighs, "eventually, I suppose the community will disappear. There are no new people coming in." At its peak, the Ste. Sophie-New Glascow area boasted 30 Jewish families supported by the Baron de Hirsch Society, which funded the first parochial school in the province — a one-room school house with traditional malamed for Hebraic studies and a teacher from the Protestant School Board for secular studies. When the society pulled out some 30 years ago, along with it went a number of families, leaving the elderly and established residents behind.

Although an avowed federalist, Rudy speaks frankly about the Parti Quebecois and its leader Rene Levesque, with whom he became acquainted through his Liberal party connections: "The English minority did have more rights than the French-speaking majority. It was an injustice. If the other provinces don't realize this and have a better understanding there will be a breakup in Canada."

And if Quebec separates? "Well," he says quietly, "I don't think I could live in an English milieu."

1832 Quebec act favored Jews

Papineau paved way for equality

By A. J. ARNOLD
[Fifth of a series]

In Quebec, 150 years ago, Louis Joseph Papineau, by then the acknowledged leader of the reform movement in Lower Canada, made an election speech which included a promise to Quebec citizens of non-French origin. Here is what he said:

"Fellow citizens of diverse origin, language and religion, who have come from different parts of His Majesty's domains, and from foreign countries, to establish yourselves among us — may all your work and industry receive in the midst of a peaceful society its just reward, and assure to all, to your posterity, to those of your compatriots whom your success will call to follow in your footsteps, a well-being and happiness sheltered from the trials engendered by the spirit of partisanship...."

Papineau also declared that it was his "unalterable creed that men are accountable for their faith and their worship to their maker only, and not to the civil power; that diversity of religious opinions which creates no resistance to the laws, ought not to be submitted to the oppression of laws enacted merely to prohibit and punish it; that the same freedom in that respect, which I claim for myself, for my countrymen, for those who have the same belief with them, I allow to those whose belief is different."

When he made these statements, which indicated a positive change of opinion from the time of the expulsion of Ezekiel Hart from the Assembly, he had been serving as speaker of the lower house for more than a decade. This was the highest post to which an elected political leader could aspire in those days when the system of responsible government, with an executive council or cabinet chosen from elected members, had not yet been established.

Papineau's declaration was a clear signal to the pioneer Jews that it would be appropriate to begin a campaign for the achievement of civil and political equality in Quebec. The first step was to win legal recognition as a religious community.

After 1760 the Jews did enjoy freedom of worship and in 1768 a congregation was established in Montreal. The first synagogue was built in 1777 on land owned by David David and a cemetery site had been acquired two years earlier, but it must also have been registered under private ownership.

David David died in 1824 and the synagogue property reverted to his heirs. The building of a new synagogue was hindered by several factors, not the least of which was the realization that the congregation did not have legal recognition.

In 1826 Benjamin Hart began a campaign for the reorganization of the congregation, and this led to a petition addressed to the Quebec Assembly in December, 1828 by a group of Montreal Jews asking the legal right to administer their communal affairs and to keep an official register of marriages, births and deaths. This petition was granted in an act passed by the legislature on March 14, 1829 and proclaimed Jan. 18, 1831.

Within a few weeks of the proclamation of this act the Assembly received two more Jewish petitions, one from a group in Montreal and the second from Samuel Becancour Hart (Ezekiel's son) in Trois Rivieres. These petitions asked that Jews be allowed to hold any civil or military office and led to the adoption of the act granting to Jews all the rights and privileges of other subjects (passed by the Assembly March 31, 1831, and proclaimed after Royal assent on June 5, 1832).

At the same time as the act granting equal rights to the Jews was being debated and passed, another act was adopted for the naturalization of foreign-born citizens who were admitted to all the privileges of British birth. This act made it clear that such persons might either take the oath of allegiance or make affirmation of allegiance to the king as provided "by the laws of this province."

The majority in the Assembly at that time was a French-English reform coalition, with John Neilson, the English-speaking leader who presented the petitions on behalf of the Jews, closely associated with Papineau.

Since the bill granting equal rights to the Jews referred in particular to those who were already "natural-born subjects" there could be no doubt that in the minds of the legislators Jews could take an oath according to their conscience in the matter of public appointments and elective office.

It turned out, however, that some English government officials thought otherwise. They were probably watching events in the House of Commons in London, then debating a bill for the repeal of the civil disabilities of Jews in England who were British-born subjects. That bill was defeated and it took another 26 years until all disabilities against the Jews were removed there to the same extent as in Quebec in 1832.

Diehard English officials in Montreal, particularly, were not prepared to accept the full significance of the Quebec bill in favor of the Jews. That is why in 1833, when three Jews were offered appointments as justices of the peace, Benjamin Hart and Moses J. Hayes found that no oath commissioner in Montreal would allow them to take the oath of office without using the words "on the true faith of a Christian." Samuel B. Hart in Trois Rivieres however found that he could take the oath according to his conscience but only with the French Canadian oath commissioner Joseph Badeaux.

It is clear that the full equality for the Jews in Quebec and in all of Canada dates from the bill passed by the patriotes-reform majority in the Quebec Assembly in 1832 and that Louis Papineau was thereby demonstrating his belief in equality for his "fellow citizens of diverse origins, language and religion."

...after some reflection

Rene Levesque's interpretation of the election of Ezekiel Hart to the Quebec Assembly in 1807 and 1808, as he presented it in his speech to the Congress plenary assembly in Montreal, was somewhat unauthentic. He said that after Hart was expelled from the legislature Louis Papineau introduced a law allowing a Jew to sit in Parliament eight years before a similar law was adopted by the British parliament in London.

The Quebec premier's account of the Hart case was wrong on several counts. Louis Papineau actually voted to expel Hart in 1809 along with other French members and some English members of the Assembly. It was not until 18 years later, in 1827, that Papineau made several pronouncements in favor of freedom of religion and equality for minority groups.

Four years later in 1831, he was speaker of the Assembly and leader of the French Canadian majority when John Neilson, his English reform colleague, introduced the bill to grant Jews equal rights. The measure was supported by Papineau and the entire Assembly.

This came too late to help Ezekiel Hart, though it did help his son Samuel Becancour Hart to become the first Jewish magistrate in Quebec, and in Canada, in 1834. — A.J.A.

THE BURMA ROAD LIFELINE

Landmark Events In Our History

It was June 1, 1948. In the midst of the War of Independence a company of Israeli soldiers made their way from the Judean mountains to the coastal plain via a route that avoided the hazardous Jerusalem to Tel Aviv road. Actually, a few days earlier, three soldiers, on their own, completed the circuitous, but much safer, route, proving that there was still hope to get soldiers and supplies to the beleaguered Jews of Jerusalem.

The backwoods' route that those three soldiers took became the lifeline to Jerusalem and was quickly dubbed the "Burma Road".

After the company of soldiers completed the trip safely, a group in a jeep set out to see if a vehicle could make it. Despite the bumpy trip, it was deemed that the only part that was completely impassable was a stretch of a few hundred yards around Beit Susin. At that point, the land fell sharply, about 400 feet.

Because of the terrain, the British, before they left the country a few weeks earlier, had pronounced any attempt to link Tel Aviv and Jerusalem by a road through that area to be impossible. The Arabs not only concurred with the British view but, at that time, were also preoccupied with ambushing the main Tel Aviv to Jerusalem road.

Undaunted, the Israelis decided to make the "Burma Road" usable by vehicles and to present it as a fait accompli before the first truce of the war came into effect at 10 a.m., on June 11.

Until it was completely operational, trucks journeyed from both cities as far as they could and were met by a series of porters and mules who unloaded and loaded the much-needed supplies for the Jews of Jerusalem.

In the meantime, men, many of whom lived in Tel Aviv and were too old to fight, were conscripted to make the road totally passable by vehicle. Some state that 500 such men worked to turn the ruts, paths and steep drops into a road. The pace was intense. There are accounts that some of them, due to their age, suffered heart attacks in the midst of the operation.

Notwithstanding the pressure and physical suffering of the quickly conscripted road builders, for the Jews of Jerusalem and, indeed, for all of Israel, the completion of the "Burma Road" was another case of ein breira (no alternative).

THE LAND IS THE PEOPLE

Jerusalem photographer Mike Goldberg did these silhouette scenes of the Western Wall and the spring march in the Judean hills.

J.B. calls plenary of CJC landmark in Jewish history

By J. B. SALSBERG

The 18th assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress was unquestionably an important landmark in the ongoing history of Canadian Jewry.

Even the negative aspects of the assembly (and there were such) will, hopefully, have a salutary effect on the future of Congress.

The large representation — over 1,000 delegates — reflected the seriousness with which our communities from coast to coast relate to Congress. It is their collective voice and representative. They were especially sensitive to this triennial assembly because it met during an extraordinary period when many old issues and some decidedly new ones face us at home and abroad.

Their anxieties and concerns were revealed most dramatically when our domestic, our Canadian-Jewish crises reached the agenda. They looked to Congress for guidance, for leadership.

This assembly in Montreal provided considerably more opportunity for delegate-participation in the discussion of issues and in the shaping of policies than existed for some years past. The delegates welcomed these opportunities and made it a truly working conference.

I find it hard to recall when workshops, seminars, commissions and committees, each focusing on a specific area of Jewish concern, were better attended or when the delegates worked more assiduously than was the case at this assembly.

All problems were, of course, not resolved to everyone's satisfaction. Many delegates felt, for instance, that our collective expression (resolution) on the supreme issue of Canadian unity should have been more clear-cut and more emphatic with regards to an undivided country as well as on meeting French Canada's linguistic, cultural and social rights.

The small, but very dedicated and very promising, youth contingent at the assembly felt — and in my opinion justifiably so — that their problems and their efforts did not receive the attention nor the prominence that they deserved. And there were undoubtedly other grounds for dissatisfaction with the assembly's attitude or lack of attitude to the special interests of sections of our multi-faceted community.

But, on the whole, it is my belief that more and better attention was given to more and more specific areas of Jewish concern at this assembly than was the case at other gatherings of Congress. That is very solid progress and should be appreciatively noted.

On the other hand there occured a very dramatic confrontation at the gathering which should also be noted. It was an event that brought neither satisfaction nor joy to anyone — winners or losers on both sides of the contest — but I believe that it was good for Congress that it did take place. As for the retiring national president of Congress, Judge Sydney M. Harris, who championed the proposition that prevailed, I believe that he rendered meritorious service to Congress by doing what he did in this instance.

The issue at hand was not of an organizational character alone: whether Congress should have one or two national presidents. It was, as I sensed the prevailing mood of the delegates, a reaction against a growing practice of tinkering with the constitution in order to formalize back-stage arrangements. The majority in that tense division seemed to say: Please, don't use us as a rubber stamp for deals, even if well-intentioned deals, made beforehand.

I hasten to add that few are so naive as to think that "back-room politics" are necessarily sinister or rare. But such "arrangements" are rarely, if ever, presented as a finished product. There is usually a fair amount of spontaneity (even if artificially created), and care is taken to give the enterprise the appearance of democratic procedure. Such appearances were entirely lacking in the instance that caused the crackling atmosphere during the division.

When it was over, everyone felt dispirited and in need of a stimulant. Congress should not have been put in such a position.

My good uncle Eliezer, who kept to himself in the background throughout, said to me that in his opinion those responsible for the whole affair were either very naive or very forgetful. I asked him for a fuller explanation and he said: "They were either naive to think that an alert and self-respecting assembly would cheerfully accept the demeaning role of a rubber stamp or they have been practicing the wheeling-dealing game so long that they have forgotten that there were other rules to follow."

I believe that my uncle was a bit harsh in his judgment. After all, even the best of people, if they engage in bits of popular vice for a long time, may begin to believe that such a vice is really a virtue....

But all is well that ends well. It's over and done with. The assembly was well worth while and, perhaps, so was the dramatic division on the floor of the assembly.

Letters to the Editor

Reality versus complacency

Dear Editor:

In February of this year I made a decision to visit the Soviet Union, a decision made at that time purely on the grounds of tourism. Some weeks before I left I was asked by a cousin, active in the Soviet Jewry movement, whether I would be willing to speak to a woman in the movement in order to act as a messenger for them as it were. Holding a passport issued in Israel and containing page after page of Israeli visas, I was somewhat reticent, but nonetheless agreed to see her.

The day of my briefing one of Moscow's leading dissidents, Anatoly Scharansky, was arrested and sent to Lefortovo, a KGB interrogation prison. He had been named in an Izvestia article as working for the CIA and was probably to be charged with treason. His crime — monitoring Soviet compliance with the Helsinki agreement.

During that evening I listened to a Leningrad briefing in addition to my own for Moscow, thus learning much background information. After four hours I left in a very eye-opened depressed state. The night before my departure I was given final instructions on what to ask and filled in on the most recent news to convey to the dissidents. I was also to take a letter written to Scharansky from his wife who had been in London en route to the United States to plead for her husband's release. She was allowed to leave the USSR two years ago and has not seen her husband since.

The day after my arrival in Moscow, I went to contact Vladimir Slepak, a close friend of Scharansky's and an important Moscow Refusenik. I had been warned to expect a "fur hatted gentleman" outside his flat and instructed to act normally, simply ignoring him. On arrival I found a woman positioned by the elevator watching all those coming and going and a chair, empty luckily, off the landing outside the Slepak flat.

Vladimir Slepak and his wife applied for exit visas to move to Israel eight years ago — he was immediately demoted and subsequently quietly forced out of that work. He has not worked for approximately six years. The door of the flat has five or so locks on it and looks as if it had been rebuilt numerous times. As Slepak put it, "I have been 'visited' a number of times."

The flat itself is spartan by our standards — bare floors, a hole in the wall by the door lined with newspapers (or perhaps even originally built that way?), Woolworth style furniture. On the wall are maps of Israel, an Israeli calendar and such. There are many books in English, a large number of them dealing in some way with Israel or Judaism. Many of his small things, ash trays and such like, are Israeli; he himself wears an Israeli flag in his lapel.

I introduced myself giving him the various gifts, the newspapers and the letter. His reaction to the letter was one of total defeat — he shrugged his shoulders and simply said "It's impossible." No news goes in or out of Lefortovo. We spoke for some time about the current situation and the political climate both in Russia and Britain. During the evening others from his family and friends joined us making it more of a social event. The atmosphere, however, was not totally unconstrained.

On a second visit we were joined by two other Refuseniks and I was given some specific news to convey to the people in London. In addition they gave me a specific message — but this information was not given aloud; rather it was written on a plastic 'magicboard' and immediately erased as they pointed knowingly to their ceiling. Such are the realities of life for them.

Slepak was most interested in Israeli life and politics, the future leadership question, all of which we discussed at length. He questioned me about my life there. But how do you explain to a man whose entire existence hinges upon Israel, who suffers for his wish to make aliyah, why you have left it? How do you justify your comfortable, comparatively worryless and totally free existence when faced by a reality such as this?

And this reality is what many many Jews in the Soviet Union face — sometimes slightly better, oftentimes much worse.

On my return to London I immediately spoke to my contact and relayed the information I had been given. Within a short time I received a telephone call from Israel asking for the news and a statement. Later that same evening I was called by the editor of the magazine Jews in the USSR, who had heard from the Israeli Foreign Ministry that I had made contact with people in Moscow. Such is the importance of personal contact — the major source of information from inside. As it happens the news I had brought out was of some significance — but more important was simply that I brought it out.

My actions took no special courage and little time or effort — only the desire to help in some small way. Had I simply gone as a tourist, the trip would have been quite empty and meaningless. Contacting Jews and thus helping even in this small way was the least I could do.

And so I appeal to all Jews enjoying the ease and freedom of Canada — what is the least you can do?

Marilyn Anthony,
Toronto

Language bill contravenes the principle of equality

By HENRY SREBRNIK

MONTREAL —

Bill 1 — the proposed new Charter of the French language in Quebec — has been tabled in the National Assembly, and controversy about its provisions, and intent behind them, continues.

A certain ambiguity, reflected in the contradictory remarks made by various ministers, continues to distinguish PQ policy in the all-important realm of language legislation.

Two conflicting tendencies seem to be vying for theoretical hegemony within the government: one, a traditionalistic nationalism which wants to use the bill as a means of enabling the French-Canadian nation to achieve its long-sought pre-eminence within its own country, Quebec; the other, a more radical, populistic ideology, which wishes Quebec to be a secular state, but one reflecting the "general will" of its (French) majority.

For the Jews and other minorities, both are dangerous, as both (though in very different ways) uphold collective, national rights above individual civil rights.

Minister of Cultural Development Camille Laurin expresses the "right-wing" tendency. "All nations are founded on the principle of ethno-centricity", he told a meeting of the St. Jean Baptists Society. "In a normal country, there can be only one language, that of the majority". For Dr. Laurin — a man who seems oblivious to the multi-ethnic United States next door — cultural-ethnic nation and state coincide.

PQ House Leader Robert Burns, who comes out of the socialist tradition, takes the second approach. For him, every resident of Quebec is a Quebecois, whether Jewish, English, French or Lithuanian. "My colleagues and I are talking about a revolution that will bring back power to all Quebeckers — English, French, Italians, Greeks," he told The CJN recently. For him, the new Quebec will be open to all those who linguistically and politically align themselves with the "forward-looking" goals of the new state-in-the-making.

Apparently, according to one prominent journalist close to the government, the PQ has been very surprised at the Jewish community's antipathy to Bill 1. Of all the ethnic minorities in the province, Jews speak more French than any other group — so why the fuss?

What they neglect to understand is, simply, that Jews fear the underlying motivations behind the language bill, which of course relate to the political independence of Quebec: an outcome which might prove very uncomfortable to those not being able to pass the various "litmus tests" for inclusion into the Quebecois nation.

For cultural nationalists, minorities cannot really aspire to becoming French-Canadians, save in the extreme case of total immersion and assimilation into the "collective destiny" of the French-Canadian nation. This requires an almost spiritual sense of conversion, not unlike that involved in changing religious beliefs. For Jews, this would be doubly hard, given that so much of French-Canadian culture remains, at least implicitly, Roman Catholic in inspiration.

For the secular populists, the test is more political: acceptance of the idea of uniting with those working towards a socially progressive, independent Quebec. Indeed, for such people, even real French-Canadians like Prime Minister Trudeau or businessman Pierre Des Marais, being "sell-outs" and federalists, are not "genuine" Quebecois.

One test relates to the soul, the other to the mind. The left makes it hard, but achievable; the right, almost impossible. In both cases, the goals of a homogeneous collectivity are given precedence over individual desires; neither side is willing to leave the non-French Canadian alone and respect him as an equal citizen of a different culture, or with different political goals.

It is for this reason that Jews and other groups here (even those that speak French) cling so tenaciously to Canadian federalism. For Canada is a state not coincidental with any nationality, and its cultural or political drives. To become a Canadian, one need simply go through a bureaucratic procedure and become a citizen. The maple leaf is merely a territorial symbol, in no way threatening to the heritage and history of any group within Canada. So even those Jews within Quebec that sympathize with many of the PQ's stated economic objectives find it almost impossible to support the party. It is not that they love Canada more, necessarily, but that they like intense ethnic nationalism less. Canada is, at the very least, a safer and more reliable bet.

Bill 1 has certainly given Jews — always sensitive to the possibilities of discrimination — further grounds for concern. Section 172 of the new language charter exempts it from the provisions of the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, passed in 1975. This ominous article in the new legislation contravenes the long-established principle of equality before the law. In giving the language charter priority over a law safeguarding the civil rights of all Quebeckers, "without distinction, based on language, ethnic or national origin", the PQ has served notice that it is willing to treat individuals in a cavalier fashion, in order to obtain satisfaction for its own constituency.

Dear Editor:

Lately, a number of community leaders have been making representations to me that kosher foods imported from abroad should be exempt from the general packaging and labelling requirements now coming into force which require the use of both official languages. There are a number of exemptions of a general nature, for example, for fresh things in cellophane and for products sold to the public at the point of manufacture. But generally speaking, the government requires packaged foods to be labelled in both official languages.

Frankly, I see no reason to exempt kosher foods as such from the general Canadian requirement. Apart from national policy considerations, there are a number of Jews in Canada whose preferred official language is French; their interests in the matter should be respected by English-speaking Jews.

It is understandable that manufacturers of these products prefer not to have to change their labels, but it should surely not be very expensive for them to do so to comply with Canada's new language equality rules.

For Orthodox Jews who require special kosher medical diet-foods, such products are defined as drugs and not subject to the bilingual label requirement.

Bob Kaplan, MP,
York Centre

Dear Editor:

The least sophisticated part of the Jewish community are the so-called singles with children, the widowed or divorced who are being "locked out" of the Jewish establishment.

Rabbis, psychologists, sociologists, lawyers and the news-media are giving ever increasing testimony to the traumatic wheeling and dealing divorce awards in Ontario family courts.

Break up of the Jewish family home knows no status. Why doesn't the Toronto Jewish Congress round up their rabbinical council, social planning, and human rights committees and do something about it?

Professional accountability, "taking a stand" on family law reform is long overdue by the Toronto Jewish Congress.

H. Max Selden,
Toronto

Organizations and People

what's new...

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

NCJW CONVENTION

Toronto section of National Council of Jewish Women kicks off its 80th anniversary year by hosting the Council's national convention slated for May 29-June 2 at the Inn on the Park. More than 100 delegates from across Canada will be attending. The convention theme, **Citizen Impact**, will be covered by keynote speaker Simma Holt, Liberal MP for Vancouver Kingsway; Esther Landa, president of NCJW (U.S.), and Madeline de Buc, Federal Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Yoram Dinstein of the University of Toronto will address the international luncheon on the 31st, on the topic **Soviet Anti-Semitism as a Threat to Jewish Survival**. The closing banquet is being hosted by the province of Ontario with Lieut.-Gov. Pauline McGibbon as guest of honor.

CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE

Another conference of wide interest taking place this week is the annual spring conference of the Ontario Region of the United Synagogue of America. It is being held Sunday, the 29th, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue. The subject of the meeting is **Conservative Judaism: A Tendency or a Movement?** The agenda includes a keynote address by USA executive vice-president Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman in the morning, followed by installation of officers at noon, and a symposium in the afternoon. The region represents 15 Conservative congregations in Ontario.

WURZBURGER TO SPEAK

Adath Israel Congregation's series, **Religion Responds to Modern Questions**, concludes this Monday, the 30th, with Rabbi Walter Wurzburger, president of the Rabbinical Council of America (formerly rabbi of Shaarei Shomayim) discussing **Bio-Ethical Problems in Religion.** The lecture is at 9 p.m.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY

An invitation from Henrietta Szold Chapter of Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO spells out a day in the country at Hillwaye Farm, the home of David and Frances Hoffman. The outing is on Wednesday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and includes luncheon, antiques, plants, pottery and gift items. For tickets, call 525-8232 or 628-8457.

FPI MEETING

At their meeting on Sunday, the 29th, Friends of Pioneering Israel is featuring a talk by David Tulin, president of the Philadelphia branch of Americans for Progressive Israel. The topic — **The Dilemma of Israel's Progressives and the Role of North American Zionists in its Solution**. The time — 8:30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre.

SISTERHOOD TEA

Also on the 29th, there's a tea being held by Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Sisterhood from 2-5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Joseph Isakow, 10 Barksdale Ave.

STUDENT TALENT SHOW

Macstravaganza 2 is what students at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute are calling their second annual talent-variety show, which goes on stage at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3. The theme this year is **Chorus Line** and the youngsters promise an even bigger and better event than last year's show. Proceeds go to Reena Foundation. Pick up your tickets at the school or call 636-0580.

LEUKEMIA FUNDS

This is a busy week for leukemia research fund-raisers — Crusade Against Leukemia has two big events coming up....A dinner-dance at the Constellation Hotel on Saturday, the 28th, complete with music, floor show, door prizes and the raffle draw, beginning at 7....And the annual Parade of H.O.P.E. (Help Other People Endure) on Friday, June 3.

Leukemia Research Fund's installation dinner is on Tuesday, the 31st, at 6:30 p.m. at Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave. Head table guests will include Ontario Health Minister Dennis Timbrell and representatives of various Metro hospitals who will be receiving a total of $90,000 from the organization for their leukemia research labs.

FUN AND GAMES

A Monte Carlo Night, with games of chance and a grand prize of a trip for two to Nassau, is on the boards for Adath Sholom Synagogue this Saturday, the 28th, at 9 p.m. Proceeds are for religious and charitable purposes.

LUNCHEON FOR SENIORS

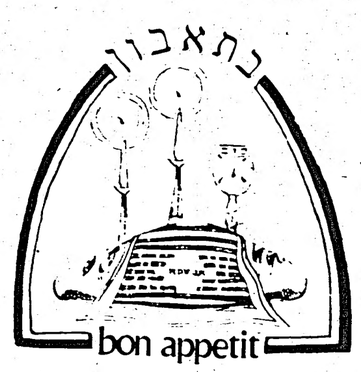
Guest speaker at Beth Tzedec Chai Club luncheon on Tuesday, the 31st, will be Alex Serota, chairman of the UIA, Ontario Region, who will talk about Israel. The time is 12:30 p.m.

FOR SINGLES

For singles 21-29, Disco Unlimited and Toronto Social Action of the Labor Zionist Alliance have planned a variety of dances and social get-togethers every Tuesday and Thursday during the summer. The first dance is on Tuesday, the 31st, at 8:30 p.m. at Hillmount Social Centre, 19 Hillmount Ave.

For a change of pace, a new group (25-35) is being formed for those interested in a discussion group on Jewish identity. There will be social activities, too, but as organizer Kenneth Mason says, "it's not the usual dance scene." The group is called The Doers, because, as he explains, it is for people who really want to pitch in and help with the planning. If you are interested, call him at 925-4325 (office) and 922-3413 (home).

Chocolate cake kept ready, just in case



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

The Food Authority of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry here recently put out a pamphlet to launch their Mazal program. Mazal is an acronym for Mazon L'Shaat Herum — emergency food supplies.

In a national emergency, as Israelis know from bitter experience, it is better to be prepared, particularly if there are children in the family.

While the government ensures sufficient stocks of basic foodstuffs in the warehouses to cope with emergencies, steady supply to the stores can be slowed down if heavy vehicles are requisitioned for military purposes. And those empty store shelves can be an alarming sight, especially to those who lived through the seige of Jerusalem.

If citizens are confined to the air-raid shelters, it may not even be possible to get to the stores, so the authority recommends householders to keep stocks of basic food items to provide a week's meals for the family.

David Cohen, co-ordinator of the Food Authority, told me that current thinking is to plan emergency stocks to conform as closely as possible to the normal eating patterns of the family.

In this way, they may be replenished regularly to avoid the danger of deterioration. From the psychological point of view, it is also important to maintain as normal a routine as possible with regard to mealtimes and meals.

A useful tip in the pamphlet is to aim to keep enough cooked food, dairy foods and fresh fruit and vegetables in the refrigerator to provide full meals for two days. After this, canned foods, cereals, pulses, and matzot can come into use. The pamphlet includes sample menus of foods which can be prepared if necessary, in the air-raid shelter, with the minimum of fuss.

"We can never tell when an emergency will be upon us," said David Cohen. "That's why now, when there is no immediate threat, we should make sure we're prepared." As they say in Yiddish: "Zoll men dos nit darfen..."

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In times of relative calm, Israelis usually think of emergency stocks in terms of useful supplies to have on hand in kitchen closets or freezer. One of my iron-ration freezer items is chocolate cake, and this particular recipe comes from my former neighbor in Toronto, Sari Wool, renowned for her ability to serve an army out of her freezer, at a moment's notice.

This light, moist cake is a useful standby for any freezer, as it lends itself to a variety of treatments. The quantities given are sufficient for two 9" cakes — or divide it up any way you want.

You can make one high, round cake, suitable for birthdays, with the addition of chocolate butter icing, and a scattering of colored strands.

Or, for more elegant, adult occasions, the same recipe can be transformed into a shallow, rectangular cake, sprinkled with shredded coconut, or — a deluxe version — spread with sour cherry jam flavored with cherry brandy, then smothered with whipped cream, and decorated with chocolate shavings.

For everyday requirements, this recipe is sufficient for one medium-size loaf cake, plus a tray of cup cakes — I have found Sari's recipe invaluable, all ways.

Sari Wool's Standby Chocolate Cake

3 cups flour
12 tblsps. cocoa powder
2 3/4 cups sugar
2 tsps. baking powder
2 tsps. baking soda
2 tsps. instant coffee powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon or 2 tsps. vanilla essence (optional)
4 eggs
1 1/2 cups oil
1 cup orange juice
1 cup water

1. mix dry and wet ingredients separately: sift flour, cocoa powder, sugar, leavening, coffee, salt, and cinnamon, if used, into one bowl. In mixer bowl, whisk eggs, oil, orange juice, water, and vanilla, if used, 3 mins.

2. add dry ingredients to wet, very gradually, beating well between additions. Then continue mixing on high speed 5 mins. Turn batter into greased and floured pan(s) and bake in a preheated oven at 350° for 1 hr. or till a toothpick inserted into cake comes out clean. Allow to cool before turning out of pan

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Shabbat Shalom!

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Program featured

TORONTO —

An innovative program in adult education, developed jointly by Toronto's Board of Jewish Education and Jewish Family and Child Service, will be featured at a top-level conference in Washington next month seeking to promote creative Jewish family programing throughout the United States and Canada.

The Toronto program is one of 25 now in successful operation that will be demonstrated in training workshops to several hundred Jewish communal, educational and organizational leaders participating in the four-day conference, opening June 2 at the Shoreham Americana Hotel. The conference was convened by the American Association for Jewish Education, national coordinating agency for Jewish education in the U.S., to enact a series of sweeping proposals that would initiate an integrated, binational network of Jewish family programing over the next five years.

Elliott Larman, coordinator of the program for the Jewish Family and Child Service, and Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, will present the program to the conference delegates, who will represent 17 national Jewish organizations and scores of American and Canadian Jewish community federations.

Playwright Hunter to appear May 31

TORONTO —

The opening 'Meet-a-Celebrity Evening' of this year's Israel Bond Drive under the sponsorship of the women's division will take place Tuesday evening, May 31, at the home of Deena Sigel when the Toronto author, director and playwright Basya Hunter will be guest of honor.

Her play, **Johannes and the Talmud**, recently seen here, is being talked about for a New York presentation.

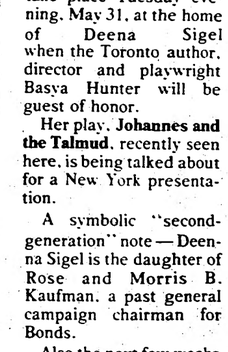
A symbolic "second-generation" note — Deenna Sigel is the daughter of Rose and Morris B. Kaufman, a past general campaign chairman for Bonds.

Also the next few weeks will be busy and important ones for the Baruch Noy family with a number of events taking place in advance of the B'nai Israel Beth David Israel Bond dinner in his honor on June 22.

On May 31, Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Montreal, who heads the Canadian Rabbinic Cabinet of Bonds, will fly here to address a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fialkov in honor of Noy.

And on June 2, Robert C. Coates, Conservative MP, will come to Toronto to address a gathering of B'nai Israel Beth David members and friends of the honoree to take place at the synagogue.

Noy is a past president of the congregation, and was the first Jewish mayor of the City of Acre in Israel in the 1950s.



Basya Hunter

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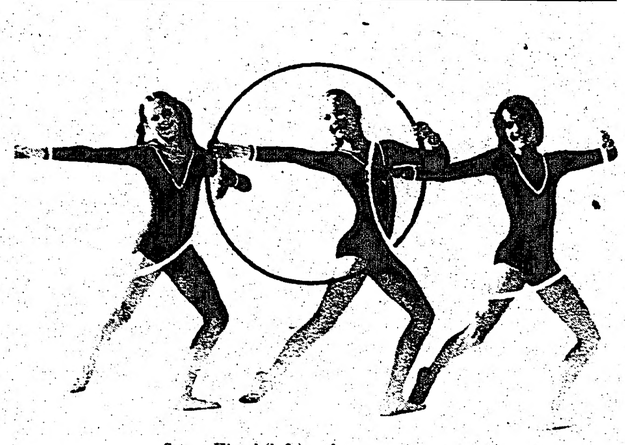

Susan Himel (left) and team mates.

Twelve-year-old **Susan Himel** has just returned from a short trip to Denmark. The Winfield Junior High student was one of a group of four young gymnasts representing Canada in Gymnastrada, a world-wide demonstration taking place there earlier this month. The modern gymnastics team (they call themselves Kalev-Estienne) won a gold medal at the Ontario winter games both last year and this year. Susan, who practices about six hours a week, has been working out for about seven years, and in the competitive end of it for the past three. She is the daughter of Dr. **Calvin and Mickey Himel**.

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The first sermon **Lionel Elliot Moses** preached as a full-fledged rabbi was to his home congregation, Adath Israel. Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York two weeks ago (he also has a B.Sc. degree in chemistry and an M.A. in Near Eastern studies from the University of Toronto), Rabbi Moses returned to Toronto to deliver the sermon on the first day of Shavuoth, Monday, the 23rd. Active in the United Synagogue Youth movement in his teens, he and his family have been very much a part of the Adath Israel scene. He is the son of member **Joe Moses** and the late **Molly Moses**. And his grandparents, the late **Sam and Pauline Moses**, were among the early Romanian immigrant pioneers of the synagogue.

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Montreal sculptor **Francine Richman**, whose work is to be found in leading galleries and private collections in Canada and abroad, is having an exhibition in Toronto at the Gallery Danielli, Dundas Street West, until June 4. The Paris-born artist has exhibited at many group shows as well as solo exhibitions.

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After about 15 years of study and research, **Morris Wittenberg** has seen his work come to fruition. The Toronto author-educator has recently published his first book, **Comprehensive Modern Hebrew-English Dictionary**. It is a compilation of modern Hebrew, spoken in daily life everywhere — schools, business, home, press, on stage. As the author writes: "I have collected the Hebrew slang which is accepted in speech and writing. This slang is graceful, ebullient, and distinguishes itself with linguistic flourishes. There is no spoken language without slang." A very laudatory review in the New York Hebrew weekly, Hadoar, calls it a treasure for everybody.

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At Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, **Ralph Snow** succeeds **Irving Horowitz** as president for the 1977-78 term, backed up by vice-presidents **Wilfred Kideckel** and **Fred Stoll**, treasurer **Sydney Himel** and secretary **Sigmund Reiser**.

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David Lewis, former NDP leader, chats with Dorothy Klein, president of the Toronto Association of Jewish Senior Clubs, prior to its sixth annual conference.

'Elderly should demand the right to decent life'

TORONTO — Senior-citizens should not sit back and allow events to roll over them, but should demand the right to a decent life in the society they have contributed to for so many years.

That was the underlying theme of an all-day conference of the Association of Jewish Senior Clubs at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The sixth annual conference was organized under the auspices of Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, an affiliate organization of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Featured speakers of the day were the 68-year-old former national leader of the New Democratic Party, David Lewis, and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple, who addressed the assemblage of 550 seniors in the morning and after lunch.

Lewis told the conference that it was presumptuous to tell people what they are. "Young or old, people have a sense of their own worth and self-potential. I have no illusions that political leaders bring about changes in society," he said. "It is the large mass of men and women who set the climate and atmosphere for social change, just as it was the collective will of people as Jews determined to maintain their culture, who built the synagogues."

It was only 40 or 50 years ago, Lewis said, when many politicians refused to consider the possibility of an old age pension or unemployment insurance scheme. "They said it would destroy incentive and self-respect. They warned that if any form of medicare was introduced, the economy would break down," he continued.

"The opposite has occurred as a result of these measures. Society is spiritually and economically stronger and relatively few older people live in poverty and degradation."

Plaut said that "old" is what everyone wants to become, but no one wants to be. The worth of a culture, he told his listeners, can be measured by its treatment of the elderly. "We don't admit that anyone is old," he stated. He told of a newspaper account of a 95-year-old man killed by an automobile, who was referred to in the story as "elderly."

The Canadian Jewish Congress president went on to speak of the myths of aging — that older people cannot learn new skills; that the old are inflexible and set in their ways, and that age automatically means a lessening of mental capacities. All of these, he said, were untrue.

"I will be 65 next month," the rabbi said, "and my thinking processes are better and sharper now than they have ever been. I think more constructively. I've learned to become more flexible than a lot of young people who think they know everything."

Plaut deplored compulsory retirement at the "arbitrary" age of 65, when many people are at the "zenith of their mental capacities". This, he said, was a deprivation of human and civil rights. There must be a restructuring of the labor force to accommodate those who are coming into new jobs and those who want to continue working.

Conference Chairman Louis E. Kernerman announced that Plaut and Lewis were made honorary members of the Association of Jewish Senior Clubs and that they have been asked to co-chair a task force on senior citizens' rights.

Rabbi Moshe Steinberg to speak at shul dinner

TORONTO — Rabbi Moshe Steinberg, rosh beth din of the Rabbinical Council of America, will be guest speaker at a dinner in honor of Rabbi Gedalia Felder on Thursday evening, June 2, 1977, at 7 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Shomrai Shabboth Congregation.

Rabbi Steinberg occupies the position of chief justice of the rabbinic court of the Rabbinical Council of America. Rabbi Felder serves the Beth Din as one of its foremost judges.

Descended from a distinguished line of rabbinic scholars who served prominent Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, he succeeded his grandfather, Rabbi Abraham Steinberg, the author of the classic responsa work **Machzeh Avraham** to the chief rabbinate of Brody, Poland. He held this position until the German occupation of Brody. After the war Rabbi Steinberg worked indefatigably to save surviving orphans and arranged for their departure from Poland.

In 1947, he settled in the United States where he is recognized as one of the foremost rabbinic authorities. He has authored an extensive commentary on his grandfather's works and soon to be published is a volume of responsa pertaining to problems of Jewish law presented to the Beth Din of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Under Rabbi Felder's guidance the Beth Din will develop a program of religious family counseling and training in the area of Jewish family law. Members of the Toronto rabbinate will benefit from this program.

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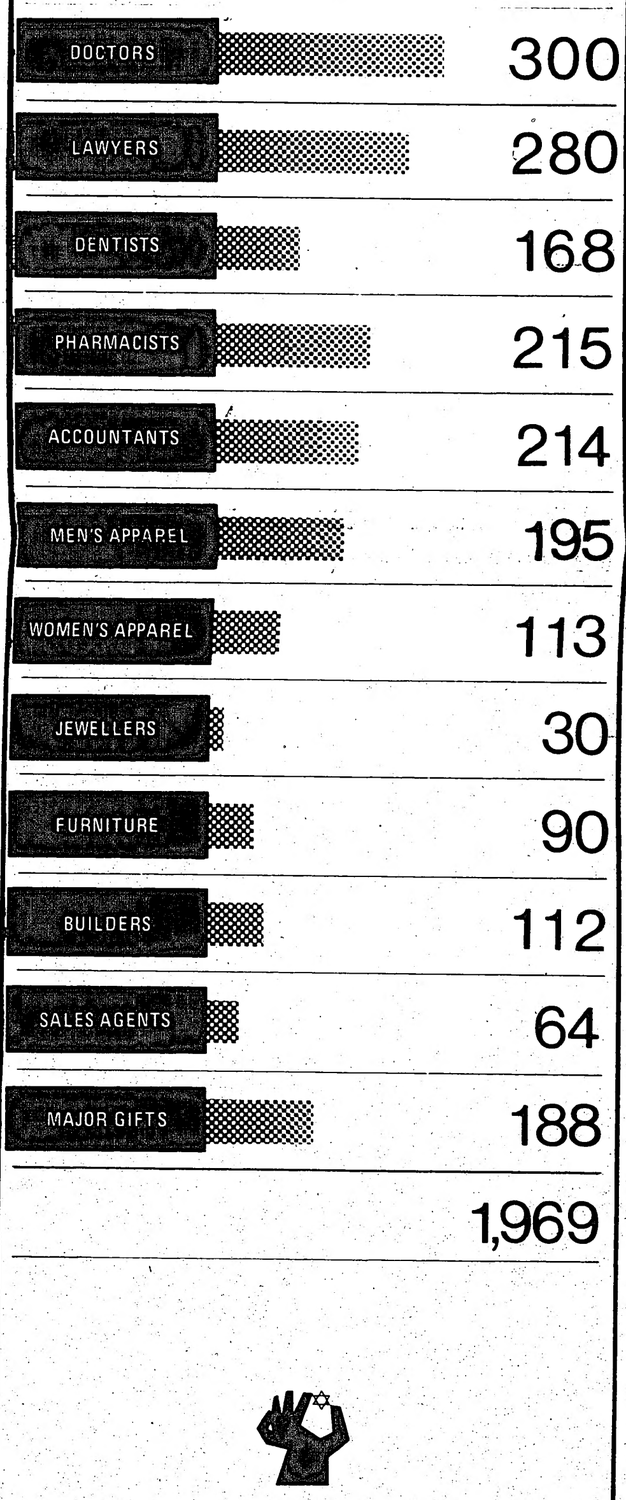

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Parshat Naso

La'avod avodah b'ohel moaid...To do the service in the Tent of Meeting....

The Oztruvzer Rav once summoned a wealthy merchant who kept his store open on the Shabbat. Speaking passionately, the rabbi explained the holiness of Sabbath and how it must be faithfully observed.

The merchant protested. "But rabbi, you break the Sabbath also. I hear that you fast on Shabbos — and our rabbis taught that whoever fasts on Shabbos is considered a sinner."

The rabbi sighed. "You're right, but there's one big difference between you and me. No one is going to imitate my sin. But I'm afraid that your example will catch on all too quickly...." (Fun Unzer Alter Oitzer)

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Every Jew is a teacher — even if he never went to cheder....

Imagine...if a Jew wanted to become super-holy, he took a vow to become a nazarite — no wine, no haircuts, no fooling around — from 30 days to a lifetime, completely given over to God....

The most famous nazirite was the mighty Samson. Before Samson was born, an angel appeared to his mother and cautioned her, "**yayin v'shaichar al taisht** — you must not drink any wine or strong drink...."

Samson's mother scratched her **shaitel**. "If my son is going to become a nazirite, does that mean I can't drink any kiddush? He'll be the **tzadik**, and I have to go thirsty?"

But the angel shook his head. "You don't understand....How do you expect your son to be a super-Jew nazir, if he doesn't see you setting an example in the first place? Do you expect him to abstain if you yourself indulge? Children learn from what parents do — not what they say...." (Or Ka' Salmoh)

How can we have young Jews in 1977 stay loyal to Judaism if their parents don't teach them about **tznius** — modesty of dress, speech and thought? We're entering Pritzus season now. Any clothing, or lack of clothing, goes. If you're over 18, any movie is kosher. If the prime minister can use four-letter fingers, what's to stop our children? Who's going to teach our children right from wrong? Who's going to set standards?

Who's going to keep us a holy people? Only the Jewish mother.

Parents, don't be afraid of your children — they're waiting for us to show them the way!

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It's a joy being a Jew — but it's a job. Our rabbis taught: **matzatee v'lo yogatee al taamin**...If a Jew claims, "I found knowledge without struggle" — don't believe him....

That's why it says: "**zot avodat hakodesh bkataif yeesa'u** — this is the holy service, they shall carry it on their shoulders...." You can't sit back and become a **talmid chacham** — a scholar, a Jew. **Bkataif yeesa'u** — they had to carry it on their shoulder! They have to put their shoulder to the wheel! (Kotzker Rebbe)

May God raise us higher and higher, higher and higher, higher and...Shabbat Shalom.

(Baycrest photograph)

The men's service group of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is sponsoring the sale of denim yarmulkes made by residents as a fund-raising project. Jack Baker, a member of the group, watches Centre resident Molly Eisenberg work on the sewing machine. The price of each yarmulke is $2 retail, $1 wholesale.

Residents of Baycrest Centre raising funds with yarmulkes

TORONTO — Residents of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care are back into the "rag trade".

Denim yarmulkes, made by residents in a joint undertaking with the sheltered workshop and the arts and crafts department of the Jewish Home for the Aged, are now ready for sale.

Members of the men's service group, sponsors of the project, are acting as sales agents for this new fund-raising venture. Orders have been placed with neighborhood religious stores and outlets.

In addition, the gift shop at Baycrest Centre is stocking the new line.

The yarmulkes are in fashionable light blue denim. The price is attractive too — $2 retail and $1 wholesale, including tax. Each yarmulke bears a label inside stating "handmade by residents of Jewish Home for the Aged".

For Bar Mitzvahs, weddings and special simchas which require a specific color scheme, custom orders may be placed for different colored denim, or embroidery.

For further information, please contact Phyl Goldner, director of men's service group, at 789-5131, local 212 or 213.

U of T 'Update' campaign seeks $25 million to meet changing needs

TORONTO — The University of Toronto is looking for $25 million from the private sector in a campaign that its president, Dr. John R. Evans, emphasized is to update present structures and programs.

"We want to redevelop our existing facilities, initiate new studies in response to changing needs and enhance the quality of our teaching and research programs," he told members of the Jewish community at a luncheon hosted by H. Wayne Tanenbaum, Gerald Shear and Murray B. Koffler.

The "Update" campaign that started a year ago has raised $11 million to date. A special program of Jewish studies is included in the funding agenda. "It is almost 20 years since the University of Toronto solicited funds from the private sector," Dr. Evans said.

Murray Koffler, vice-chairman of the Update campaign, said that although he believed that the Jewish community should be approached as part and parcel of the overall community, its members are familiar with the Jewish community and can readily identify the people who are benefitting, either themselves or through their children or businesses, from educational institutions such as the University of Toronto.

Shear presented Dr. Evans with a photograph taken at the Weizmann Institute of Science during Dr. Evans' recent trip to Israel. He told Dr. Evans on behalf of the group, "We are well aware of the responsible role of the Jewish community in supporting the total community. The University of Toronto deserves this support and you can count on a positive response."

Among those who attended the meeting were Dr. Gerald Halbert, Rose Wolfe, Morton Greenglass, Burnett Thall, Lionel Schipper, Wilfred Posluns, Joe Lubovic, Murray Herman, Max Goldhar and Albert Cole.

Faculty members at the meeting were professors Benjamin Bernholtz, Libby R. Garshowitz, Jacques Kornberg, Arthur Kruger, Michael R. Marrus and Joseph Shatzmiller. Also from the faculty were doctors Noah Meltz, Albert Rose, Ben Schlesinger and Lou Siminovitch, as well as Dean Martin L. Friedland and Dean Benjamin Etkin.

Torah thieves b

JERUSALEM [JTA] — More than 200 Torah scrolls valued at over $2.5 million were stolen from synagogues all over Israel last year, police reported. Only a few have been recovered.

Police said many of the scrolls were smuggled overseas. There is also a large demand for them in Israel since the Yom Kippur War because families want to commemorate a fallen son with a Torah scroll.

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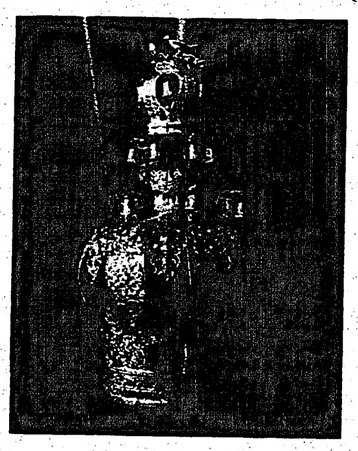

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SPECIAL YM—YWHA DEDICATION ISSUE

Completion Program-- A Promise Fulfilled

On Sunday June 5th at 2:00 p.m. the leaders of the Toronto community will assemble to dedicate three new wings — The Koffler Centre for the Arts, the Leah Posluns Theatre and the new Physical Education sector. The guest of honour will be the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable William Davis, Q.C. M.P.P. Flanking him will be members of his cabinet, federal officials and leades of the Jewish community. Wilfred Posluns, president of the Y.M.H.A., will preside and Rabbi Benjamin Freidberg will deliver the Invocation.

The Dedication Ceremony is the culmination of 20 years of social planning, research and commitment to the community.

In 1957, the Y.M.H.A. undertook to develop a full scale complex to serve the rapidly growing number of families in the Northern sector of the city. Five years later, the Northern Branch was opened. But this branch was a foreshortened version of the original plan. Due to the shortage of money, part of the physical education facilities and virtually all of the cultural arts wings were reluctantly omitted. The Directors of the Y.M.H.A. vowed to complete the building in the near future.

Despite the foreshortened building, the Northern Branch soon emerged as one of the largest Y.M.H.A.'s on the continent. Over 8,500 members were enjoying one of the most sophisticated programs devised to serve the total family. But success brought in its wake a host of problems.

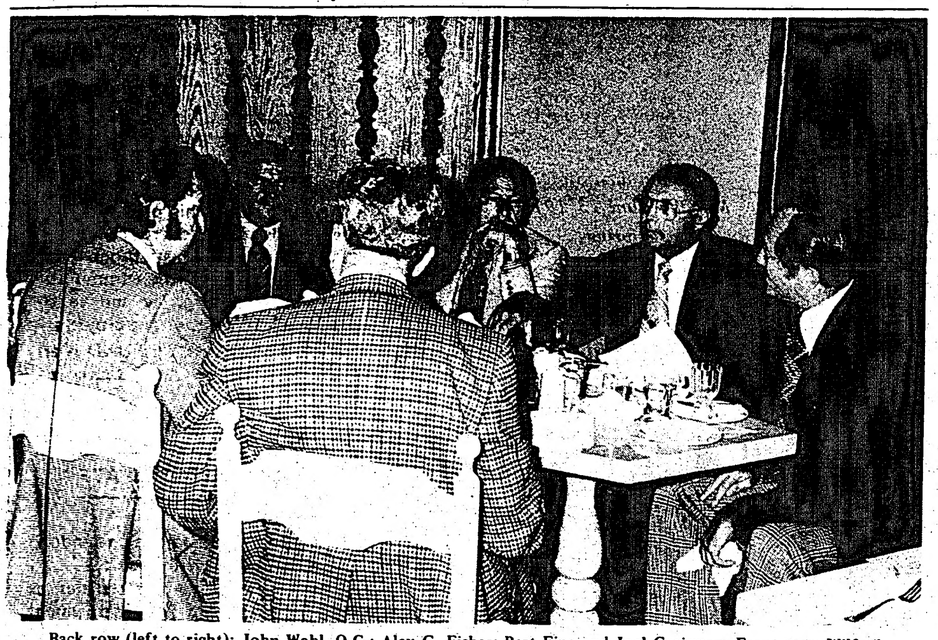
The burgeoning Sports School for Children and Teenagers required more gym space and better judo and weight lifting facilities. The fitness programs for the well people were competing for the coveted running track with the post cardiac program. Women's new interests in sports were being frustrated by the lack of courts for badminton, racquet ball and squash.

The cultural scene at the 'Y' was similarly plagued by frustration. The Dance and Music School needed proper facilities. Painting and Drawing programs were hampered by the make-shift room arrangements.

Virtually all schools of psychology claim that frustrations can lead either to utter paralysis or to a mustering of super energy to solve the problems. The latter mood began to prevail at the Y.M.H.A. when the Directors undertook the Completion Program.

Naturally there were some early doubts about the Y's ability to galvanize the community for a major campaign. But instant success soon dispelled the initial timidity and prompted the leadership to think in long range terms which meant erecting structures which will adequately serve the growing needs of the community for the next 25 years.

The Dedication Ceremony on June 5th is in essence a celebration of a promise fulfilled.



Back row (left to right): John Wahl, Q.C.; Alex G. Fisher; Bert Fine and Joel Greisman. Front row: Wilfred Posluns. Back to camera: David Andrews.

THE PORTRAIT ON THE WALL

On Dedication Day, a gracious lady will be receiving the guests entering the theatre. So it will seem to all who pass the portrait of the late Leah Posluns which oversees the lobby with a warm look which says, "Welcome, my dear."

Those who knew Leah Posluns are thankful to the eminent artist Clive Horne for embodying in this portrait the essence of the woman who enjoyed her family, her friends and community.

The Leah Posluns Theatre will be dedicated by the youngest grandchild, David, the son of Wilfred Posluns, the president of the Y.M.H.A. and the Campaign Chairman. David will receive a mezzuzah to affix at the door post of the Leah Posluns Theatre as a symbol of Jewish continuity and family unity.

The Very First Dollar

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The number one donor was Murray Koffler.

Murray B. Koffler

No one had to solicit Murray. In his inimitable way, he had set up his own social research apparatus to determine where the Jewish Community should be heading in the next few decades. Murray's analysis put a high priority on the development of recreation and cultural facilities as a means for enhancing the Jewish family and Jewish continuity. He had equally strong feelings for the Weizmann Institute in Israel and for the Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

Once his priorities were established, Murray took the next step. He approached each of these institutions with a challenge — do something creative with the offered gift.

History will record that Murray Koffler was not only the first donor to the Y.M.H.A. Completion Drive, but equally important, the inspiration for the successful campaign and the construction of one of the finest facilities on the continent.

The Y.M.H.A. could not realistically frame the first gift to the drive. Instead it honoured Murray and his wife Marvelle by naming the cultural facilities as "The Koffler Centre of the Arts."

The Jolly Green Giant

Some people are deemed to be giants by virtue of their physical stature; others are called giants because their personal achievements have raised them above their peers. The Y.M.H.A. can boast of its own special giant who rates this title on both counts.

Harold Green is the Y's giant. From his home on the high cliffs overlooking the Y property, he can be seen almost any morning as he surveys his domains below. When he descends into the Y.M.H.A. grounds there is an audible hustle and bustle of construction workers. Superintendents and engineers take last minute glances at their drawings. Harold Green is Chairman of the Construction Committee and the maestro of the $10 million Completion Program.

On Sunday, June 5th, at 2:00 p.m. Harold Green will open the Dedication Ceremonies by officially presenting the Board Chairman, John Wahl, Q.C. with a gold key to the new facilities. This ceremony will symbolize the culmination of three years of intensive work on the planning and construction of the three new wings and the ancillary facilities.

Harold Green is no neophyte to construction. As the son of a builder, the late Lippa Green, and as a partner in the Greenwin Construction Company, Harold brought invaluable experience to the project. Upon his urging, the Y.M.H.A. undertook to become its own contractor; thus the Association saved close to $1 million. But this could not have worked were it not for Mr. Green's insistance upon a committee of experts who, like himself, would volunteer to supervise the program.

The Committee is Green's pride and joy, for each member brings a special brand of expertise. Gerry Granek, an outstanding mechanical engineer, concentrated on the procurement of the best design and installation of the heating, air conditioning and specialized mechanical devices. The structural aspect was assigned to Alex Tobias, who is likewise one of the foremost structural engineers. Hersh Fogel, himself an engineer, brought his body of experience as a builder. Finally, Bert Fine, though not in the building industry, was asked to sit on the committee as a representative of the community and as an arbiter in problems relating to philosophy of service.

Now that the 'Y' project is completed, the Jolly Green Giant can go ho, ho, ho with pride as he looks at the flow of people who are coming to enjoy the facilities which he put together.

Robin Hood

Around budget time the treasurer gets fatigued from the effort to balance the books. For relief he develops a favorite fantasy — if only I could be Robin Hood, I would then raid some bank vault to pay for the poor scholarship families at the Y. I would then balance the budget and go off fishing.

This is not all fantasy. Actually, the Y has a Robin Hood working for it. He is no highwayman; neither is he in trouble with the law. What is more significant, the "victim" is pleased to part with his money and even says, "Thank you for the service. Next year you can do it again."

The Y plays Robin Hood with the Men's Health Club. Since the fees paid by these members are in excess of the actual cost of service, the surplus is used to offset most of the subsidies to the scholarship families, to the senior citizens and to children in general. Were it not for the Men's Health Club, we could not serve these people.

To ensure a vibrant Men's Health Club, the Y invested in sophisticated facilities. What is even more astounding is that members have actually raised through pledges and capital levies all the money required to build this section of the new athletic wing.

The Y has beaten the original Robin Hood at his own game.

Customers or Members

In the lingo of Y.M.H.A. workers, there are **customers** and **members**. Both pay their dues, but the difference is immense. The customer is the user who likens the 'Y' to a slot machine — he deposits his fees and draws his services.

The job of a 'Y' is to convert the customer to a member. The Toronto Y.M.H.A. has made massive conversions through the Completion Program.

The 'Y' members have indeed stood up to be counted. They have collectively produced $3 million towards the Completion Drive.

Where Dollars and Sense Meet

Every Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. ten serious looking men assemble for breakfast at the Innon-the-Park. This has been going on for two years. The discussions are intensive and the only levity permitted is around the race to pick up the cheque.

These men constitute the YM.H.A. Campaign Cabinet. They are charged with the task of raising the sum of $11.1 million required for the Completion Program and the Sustaining Fund. Though the Cabinet is only $1 million from its objective, neither the attendance nor the intensity of interest has slipped.

By now this Cabinet has become a legendary consortium of brain trusters and hard workers. The Chairman, Wilfred Posluns, is an eminent industrialist. Bert Fine, Joel Greisman, Richard Lorie, William Singer, Fred Tittel and John Wahl are prominent businessmen and professionals. Both Alex Fisher and Alex Grossman are not only well known businessmen, but also seasoned fund raisers for various communal efforts here and in Israel.

David Andrews, the veteran Y Executive Director, now Executive Vice-President, keeps the agenda moving and co-ordinates the strategies.

Though the breakfast table presents logistic problems of dishes versus papers, it has become the control centre for the Completion Drive. The men around this table are veritable heroes to the thousands of 'Y' members.

In the 'Y'...

Women Were Not Born Equal

Back in the 1920's, it was not in the order of things to have co-educational Ys. You could start a heated argument any time of the day by asking whether the fledgling YMHA should admit girls and women. Of course, everyone argued, girls had their place — to cheer the boys' basketball team or to serve cookies at the socials. But the thought of girls on the gym floor or in the pool was out of the question for this male-dominated YMHA.

Even in the 1920s, women's lib was already beginning to perk. The National Council of Jewish Women, ever on a crusade to improve the lot of women, organized an agency to provide recreation for the working girl, and, eventually for her younger sister. Thanks to several benefactors, a gym was erected at 44 St. George St. Another group of young women organized a YWHA. The shuttle diplomacy between these two Ys was indeed worthy of a Kissinger.

By 1936, it became obvious that it was not feasible to continue parallel uni-sexed agencies. With the United Jewish Welfare Fund as matchmakers, the YM&YWHA was launched. As a "Dowry", the Fund undertook to provide a modest operating budget for professional staff.

The new YM-YWHA turned its attention to procuring adequate facilities. After struggling to raise some $12,000, these young people eventually built a small facility adjacent to the Talmud Torah on Brunswick Avenue (now the site of the parking lot of Doctors Hospital).

Despite the match-box size of the Y building, it became home to about 2,000 members. The small gym and the two handball courts anchored the youth of the day. In this pool, shared with the Talmud Torah, a whole generation of boys & girls learned how to swim.

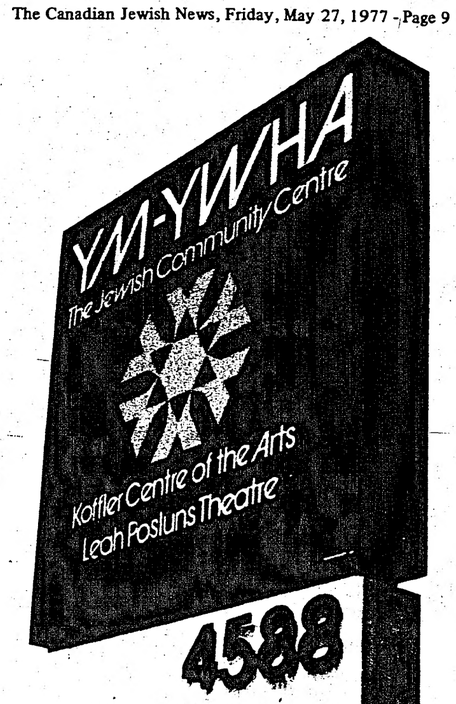
For the first time, the girls had a proper share of the program time. They even had their own locker room. Women were also added to the Board of the new YM-YWHA.

Yes, the women are taking over. Some pundits claim that women will soon outnumber the men at the Y.

For the first time in history the "YW" is as important as the "YM".

Put in another way — the hand that rocks the cradle also swings a raquet at the YMHA — oops, the YM&YWHA.

The campaign committee of the "Y" purchased this four-page supplement and supplied the editorial material to The Canadian Jewish News.



Premier Davis is to Dedicate 'Y' Buildings

So impressed was the Premier of Ontario at the Y Groundbreaking Ceremony two years ago, that he asked to be invited to the Dedication. He and his wife wanted to share in the festivities of Completion and Dedication because they both firmly believe in voluntary communal efforts in which citizens join together to enhance their community.

The Premier's wish has been fulfilled. Several months ago Mr. Davis consented to be the honoured guest at the Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, June 5th at 2 p.m. Mr. Davis will deliver the Dedicatory Address.

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A New 'Y' Branch Has Been Born

Mrs. Murray Koffler
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Births are usually occasions for cigars and toasts. The 'Y' has a new offspring, but no formal celebration has been planned.

The Y.M & Y.W.H.A. has recently fathered a new branch to add to the Northern and Bloor Branches. We now have a Cultural Arts Branch. The birth has been duly registered in the Constitution.

In announcing the formation of the Cultural Arts Branch, Wilfred Posluns explained that this step was prompted by the increased role of the 'Y' in the Cultural Arts. The new Koffler Centre of the Arts and the Leah Posluns Theatre will require specialized administration. Mr. Posluns hastened to add that the new branch like the other two will be responsible ultimately to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Posluns further noted that the formation of a Cultural-Arts Branch permitted the 'Y' to reach out to many new people with expertise in the arts. This infusion of new resources enhances the scope of the arts program.

By Constitution, every Y Branch must have a chairman designated amongst the vice presidents of the organization. Moreover, a Management Committee with several standing committees is to oversee the branch operation.

Mrs. Marvelle Koffler was recently appointed the founding chairman of the Cultural Arts Management Committee. Her appointment was by no means a surprise. Since 1970, Mrs. Koffler has been involved in the cultural efforts of the Y. She was the chairman of the Study Committee which eventually outlined the needs of the cultural arts at the Y. Her study committee had also recommended the facilities which were all included in the Completion Program.

Assisting Mrs. Koffler are these chairmen of standing committees: Dance, Mrs. Joyce Green; Human Affairs, Morton Rapp; Jewish Studies, Philip Goldman; Music, Mrs. Elaine Culiner; Theatre, David Pearlmutter; Visual Arts, Mrs. Joyce Kaufman.

The traditional greeting for a new born is "Mazel Tov" — Good Luck!

Schools Without Bells

Normally young people are unenthusiastic, to say the least, about school, and they develop fantasies about "playing hookie".

But this is not so at the Y.M.H.A. where students actually queue up to join the various schools offered in the physical education department and in the cultural arts division. In fact, families go through minor shock when their children cannot register because desired courses or classes are already over-subscribed.

The Y.M.H.A. has offered over the years these schools: Swim, Sports, Dance, Music, Visual Arts and Human Affairs. In September a new school will have its debut — The Theatre Arts School.

Why is the Y.M.H.A. packaging its activities into formal school structures? Why not merely offer a smorgasbord of classes and then let the member choose his or her activities?

The answer lies in the philosophy of the Y.M.H.A. The Association assumes a life-long relationship with the youngster or adult. Part of this outlook dictates that the 'Y' should constantly motivate growth and development. Thus, a youngster learning to swim is encouraged to take elementary Red Cross examinations and eventually to qualify for the more sophisticated swim levels.

Though each school in the 'Y' has a fun factor, the aim is to primarily encourage the acquisition of skills which would lead the student to enjoy higher or more sophisticated activities within the discipline for a lifetime.

The Y.M.H.A. Completion Program reckoned with the needs of each school. The Music School received a series of proper studios. The Dance School doubled its teaching space and achieved facilities for performance groups. Of course, the Visual Arts School received a sophisticated wing to enable the teaching of ceramics, painting, weaving, sculpture, etc. Finally, the newly launched Theatre Arts School will make its home in the Studio Lab and in the Leah Posluns Theare.

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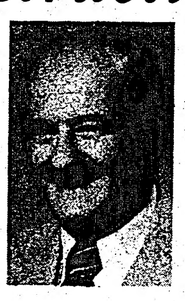

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Members of the Construction Committee (from left to right) are: 1. Harold Green, Chairman; 2. Alex Tobias; 3. Gerry Granek; 4. Hersh Fogel.

The YM—YWHA Is People

Old timers will recall that if you stood at the corner of College and Spadina, you would meet virtually every Jew in Toronto. That was over 35 years ago.

To-day you can do the same thing by standing with one foot in the lobby of the Northern Building; and with the other in the rotunda of the Bloor Building. Between both branches, the Y has a membership of over 15,000 persons — almost as many people as the total Jewish population in Toronto in the year 1942.

The Y is the hub of the Jewish community by design.

Through energetic and creative programming, the Y has become a "utility" to the family — its cultural and recreational energy. Thus every member of the typical family needs the Y at some time in his or her development. For the children, it's camping, swim school, sports school, dancing lessons, music instruction, art and play groups.

Young mothers can park their tots in the baby sitting service and go off to fitness classes, art lessons, ceramics, lectures on parenting, etc. Even the oldster has his favourite activities which read like the ad for a spa.

But that's not all. The Y serves all social and economic levels. Only in the Y will an industrial giant rub shoulders with the clerk; and the Rabbi will chat with his congregants — both stripped of their usual embellishments. The Y is a veritable hospitality centre for all immigrants and newcomers to the city. A newcomer who has no job is given a gratis membership until he can get on his feet.

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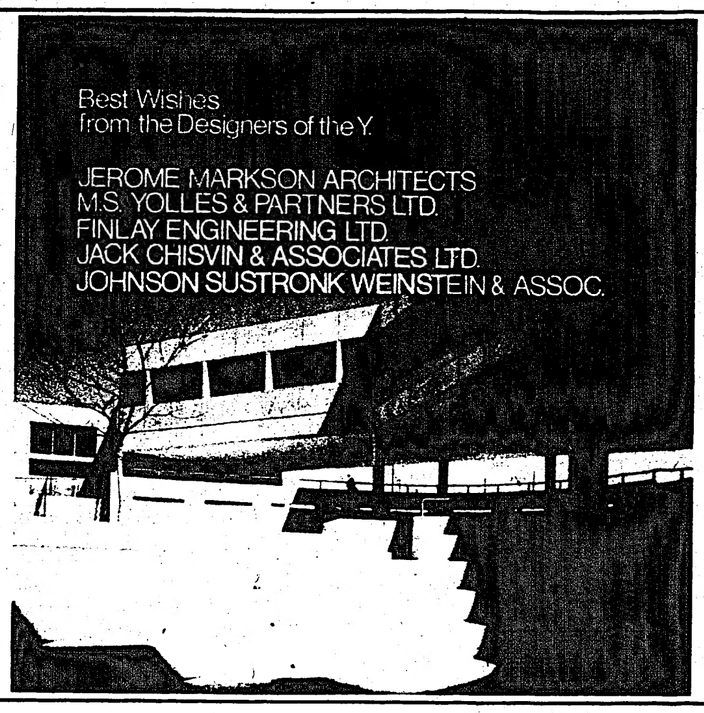
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The historical Jewish settlement in Toronto goes back to the mid 19th century. But as in all history there are dates and events which stand out because of their special significance. In this instance it was the year 1907 that saw a quickening in the life of Toronto Jewry.

In that year two notable events occurred which were subsequently to leave their mark on the growing community: the establishment of the first Zionist society, and the opening of the Simcoe Street Talmud Torah — the parent school of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto.

This school, under the presidency of the late E. Pullan, P. Levi and N. Smith, and the spiritual guidance of the late Rabbi Jacob Gordon, functioned for some 18 years, until the growth of the Jewish population and its shift from the then downtown area to the College Street district, created the need for a newer and larger school.

Among the pupils of the parent school were individuals who subsequently became well known rabbis, communal leaders and educators. Staff at the school consisted of the late B.Z. Nathanson, principal, J. Pearlstein, J. Madorsky and H. Bentch.

In 1919, a committee under the chairmanship of L. Levinsky was formed for the purpose of erecting a suitable building to house the new Talmud Torah and Jewish community centre. Under the inspiring leadership of Rabbi Jacob Gordon and L. Levinsky, a sum of $90,000 was raised, part of which was used for the purchase of a lot on Brunswick just north of College, where the Brunswick Avenue Talmud Torah was subsequently built. An enlarged committee under the chairmanship of Moses Gelber was activated to commence construction of the building.

In 1925 the Brunswick Avenue Talmud Torah, or as it was then known, "The Toronto Hebrew Free School", opened its doors. First president of the new school was Moses Gelber. First presidency of the newly organized ladies auxiliary was Hannah Levine.

From the very beginning, the Associated Hebrew Schools based their program upon three major ideals — the religious, Hebraic and national. This philosophy of Jewish education has been adhered to consistently throughout the seven decades of the existence of Associated. In particular, Associated has pioneered in the teaching of Hebrew as a living tongue, utilizing the language as a medium of instruction at a time when Hebrew was not overly popular.

The Depression, some four years after the opening of the Brunswick Talmud Torah, did not bypass the school finances. By 1935 a full year's salary was owing to the teaching staff, and the school closed for lack of funds.

Two groups came to the rescue. Group "A", headed by Sam Kronick, Sam Godfrey, Mark G. Cohen and some others, conducted a campaign to re-open the school, and once this goal was attained, group "B" headed by Bernard Vise worked to establish the school on a firm financial basis.

It is interesting to note that throughout its existence the more prominent leaders of the community from all groupings identified with the school. Thus group "B" included such names as Charles Foster, Harold A. Farber, Meyer Gasner, Sam Godfrey, S. Gross, Jack Kaplan, David Hildebrand, Ben Hillman, Dr. Charles A. Marksson, J. Irving Oelbaum, C. Rotenberg, Ben Sadowski, David Vise and J. Weil.

When the United Jewish Welfare Fund (known today as the Toronto Jewish Congress) was organized some 40 years ago in 1937, the Associated was one of its first affiliated agencies.

The year 1940 witnessed a period of rapid expansion. Branches were opened in different parts of the city. One was the Shaarei Shomayim Talmud Torah on St. Clair, another was the Euclid Avenue Talmud Torah. Later and for various periods of time, Bais Yehuda, Beth Sholom and Beth Emeth were affiliates of Associated.

In 1941, Jacob Andrews was elected president and Edward Gelber became chairman of the board. Subsequently Gelber also served as president of the school, at a time when he occupied the position of president of the Zionist Organization of Canada. As the only son of Moses Gelber, we had the unique situation where the son followed the father in giving leadership to the school. This example repeated itself when upon Gelber's aliyah to Israel, his position was filled by Wilferd Gordon, who followed the tradition established by his father, Rabbi Jacob Gordon, in giving leadership to the school.

An historic landmark was the year 1943 when the first Toronto Hebrew Day School began to function at Associated with an initial class of about 25 pupils. The tempo of growth can be gauged by the fact that the original 25 have multiplied and have now passed the number of 2,500. This does not include the 325 pupils enroled in the Community Hebrew Academy, grades 10-13, sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Congress. Teaching staff numbers some 225, fairly evenly divided between Hebrew and general studies.

Since the buildings of Associated do not have the capacity to accommodate the total student body, the school has been compelled to rent classrooms, and shift some classes to other locations. Thus, some classes of Associated are to be found at Adath Israel, at Beth Emeth, at the Powell School in Thornhill, and a portable is located at a newly-acquired 15-acre site on Leslie Street, near Steeles, where Associated hopes at some future time to have a building to serve the large Jewish community in the north-eastern sector.

The building of the school at Neptune and Bathurst, and the building of the education centre at 252 Finch Ave. W. reflected the demographic process in the movement and growth of the Jewish community mostly north and east.

The Neptune building was dedicated Nov. 8, 1956. Later additions brought the total capacity of the structure to some 60 clasrooms, an auditorium, beth-hamidrash, kitchens, laboratories, gymnasium, library, etc. The building is now largely occupied by the junior day high school of Associated, and CHAT (the Community Hebrew Academy), sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress.

Wilferd Gordon, son of the late Rabbi Gordon, had served with distinction in the office of the presidency for some eight years. He was succeeded by Joseph Levine. Both of them had the co-operation of eminently qualified chairmen of their boards of education, namely David E. Newman and Harold L. Dessen.

It was during Levine's tenure of the presidency that a $2 million campaign was launched for the building of the education centre at 252 Finch.

For the past several years, and currently, Samuel Shainhouse, himself a former pupil of the school, has been serving as president. Louis Weisfeld, chairman of the board, and Harold L. Dessen, as chairman of the Vaad Hachinuch (board of education). Rabbi Akiva Egozi is educational director, and Arthur Tannenbaum is administrator.

Principals who have served the institution for an extended number of years are Levi Jacober, Abraham Shkop, Jack Burke, Sol Burak, Rabbi Wolf Gordon, Jennie Snider and the late David Taube.

As new waves of Jewish immigrants arrived in Toronto, these were continually reflected in the composition of the student body. Most recently special provisions were made for a large number of Russian Jewish children who registered at the school.

Dr. Brown is a consultant to the Board of Jewish Education and its former director.

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Organizations and People

Nevertheless, we will lose guts of community, says Harvey Crestohl

'Separation or not, most Jews will stay'

Ellenville, N.Y. [Staff] — Harvey Crestohl, the new president of B'nai B'rith's District 22, says that even in the event of separation, most Jews would remain in Quebec.

The 45-year-old Montreal lawyer, scion of a distinguished Quebec family, said in an interview here at the Nevele Country Club that some 80% of the Jews in the province would elect to stay if independence were not accompanied by a denial of human rights or an anti-Jewish campaign.

"The Jews won't pack up and go unless they're compelled to do so for survival," said Crestohl, whose late father, Leon, was a federal member of parliament and whose grandfather, Chaim Mayar, was the chief rabbi of Quebec City.

If separatism is achieved through peaceful evolution and the Jewish community is unharmed in the resulting process, a sizeable chunk — 20% — will still leave, he warned.

"The younger ones will go because they have a greater degree of mobility," he explained. "Their departure will mean a serious loss of leadership and of economic strength. You'll be losing the guts of the community."

Crestohl said the greater use of French in Quebec was an irresistable phenomenon, and he noted that there was "nothing sacred about English or profane about French." But he warned that B'nai B'rith was against coercive language measures. He stated that BB, in tandem with the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, would follow events in Quebec very closely.

He made these comments at BB's 14th annual convention at this luxurious resort set in the scenic Catskill Mountains.

The president's anxiety over the course of events in Quebec since the accession to power of the Parti Quebecois was echoed by one of the resolutions adopted by BB on the closing day of its three day convention, and by Boris Moroz, a past president of District 22.

The resolution, one of 21, read in part:

"Therefore be it resolved that this convention go on record as opposing the implementation of legislation anywhere in Canada which limits the freedom of choice of any resident of Canada as to the use of language, practice of religion or opportunity of employment or education."

Moroz said that "no one fears a new society or new ideas; what is feared is the manner of implementing them."

He added: "We recognize and admit that a reassessment of the whole sociological philosophy in Quebec is necessary.... There must be agreement between what one should like emotionally and what is workable practically."

Resolutions on the Arab boycott in Canada and the slaughter of Christians in Uganda were also approved by some of the 475 delegates who attended the convention. A resolution calling for equal presidential representation from Montreal, Toronto and outlying areas was referred to the planning and research committee.

Asked why last year's convention attracted at least 100 more delegates, Max Shecter, an international vice-president, attributed the decrease to the fact that it was held in

Harvey Crestohl

May rather than in June. As it developed the weather was hot and sunny — and the food better than ever — and the delegates who travelled to Ellenville were not sorry that they had come.

Hy Lampert and Lou Ronson of Toronto were elected president-elect and second vice-president, respectively. Don Jubas and Morley Wolfe were chosen as Toronto regional vice-presidents and Ted Greenfield and Nat Koby of Montreal were given similar positions.

Irving Altman and Philip Leon, of Ottawa and Hamilton, were elected non-metropolitan vice-presidents.

Murray Zeidenberg, 51, a garment manufacturer, was elected president of the BB Toronto Regional Council succeeding Bill Grossberg.

The president said he would try to make BB "a byword in the Jewish community", increase membership and make greater efforts to attract the young to the ranks of the BB Youth Organization.

Morris Flicht, the outgoing district president, said in an interview that one of his chief accomplishments was the creation of a fiscal control committee that erased the deficit of recent years.

He disclosed that District 22 Executive Vice-president Herb Levy, who has served BB for 33 years, 10 of them in his present capacity, plans to retire sometime in 1978. A search committee has been established to find a successor.

Flicht presided over the establishment of the first bilingual lodge in Montreal (Lodge Egalite #3044) and an increase in membership of 300. He admitted, however, that total membership in the district is not what it once was and he attributed this to the proliferation of Jewish organizations competing for members.

The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry demonstrates in downtown Toronto to protest the plight of Refusenik Josef Begun who goes on trial shortly.

'Free Begun' is call of Soviet Jewry body

TORONTO — The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry sponsored a demonstration here last week for Josef Begun, a Soviet Jew who is due to go on trial next month for what the Russian authorities call "parasitism."

Begun, a 44-year-old Moscow Refusenik who applied to emigrate in 1971, has been held in prison since the beginning of March, 1977.

A candidate of technical sciences (the Soviet term candidate is roughly equivalent to a Ph.D.), Begun worked as an acting senior lecturer in mathematics in the Institute of Engineers in Moscow. After receiving a refusal to emigrate to Israel, because of his alleged "possession of secret information," he was forced to find other employment.

He worked for a time as a laborer in a telephone exchange in Moscow and was dismissed because of "staff reductions." He then worked as a watchman at a building site but was dismissed from this job for truancy. He was absent, in fact, because he was in prison on a 15-day sentence after publicly inquiring into the reasons for his refusal.

Since 1972 Begun had been teaching Hebrew and had attempted to register as a private tutor. He was informed that because he did not have a teacher's diploma he could not be registered.

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MINSK JEWRY IS FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL

By JERRY FAIVISH

MINSK, USSR —

Minsk used to be one of the great centres of Jewish learning and Jewish culture in Eastern Europe. And so, before the Russian Revolution, this city, the capital of Belorussia, was the site of numerous Jewish schools, yeshivot and organizations connected with the Jewish labor and Zionist movements.

However, when the Communists took power, and for many years thereafter, the focus of Jewish life changed and shifted so as to emphasize Yiddish culture, because it was sanctioned by the government. Thus, various Yiddish newspapers and periodicals were published here, and organized Yiddish-related events abounded. But as the Soviet regime became entrenched, there was no place or room for even the Yiddish expression of Jewish life within the regime.

Today, very little remains of the once flourishing Jewish community of Minsk. Many Jews still live here, but mostly as individual Jews. What remains of an organized Jewish community probably centres around the small Refusenik movement and the synagogue. But while the latter is the most visible of the two, it is not visible enough. For example, I met five young Jewish students who were proud of their heritage and openly displayed their Jewishness by wearing Magen Davids, but who were not even aware that a synagogue existed in Minsk, let alone its location. Unfortunately, there are many more like them in a similar state of ignorance.

And no wonder. Literally and figuratively, the shul is no more than a broken down wooden shack, amidst a row of wooden shacks in the city's suburbs. Unlike the grand, beautiful synagogues in such tourist frequented cities as Leningrad, Moscow or Kiev, one can't even see the outward effects of supposed state support. In the shul in Minsk, there is no room for outer show. It is the simple things and the small details found inside which tell much of the real story:

For instance, a small pile of siddurim, books and sefarim, not even sufficient to service the small community that exists, languishes on the windowsills. The books are crumbling, old and missing pages. Yet they are precious, simply because they are there. Nearby, on the back wall, one notices a small, yellowing black and white photo of a cheder in which children study with their rebbe. It acts as a symbol of a freer past and contrasts with the reality of the present. For today, there is no cheder, there are no young Jewish students and there is no rebbe.

But, of course, there was more to be told. What the inanimate objects could not convey, people did. At one afternoon service, one of nine congregants (myself included) confided in me: "I have come here, almost every day, twice a day for the last 20 years, first in the older shul and when they closed that, to this one here. But my son, he knows nothing — not Hebrew, not Yiddish. It was not allowed and we were both afraid. So I didn't teach, and he didn't learn."

Another man, about 70, pleaded with me during Shabbat services and said "Look around you. What you see are the effects of time. We have been fighting the regime for 50 years and for 50 years they have fought us. But they are not running out of time. We are fighting a losing battle. Nevertheless, we can't worry about battles, we have to worry about survival."

Others related their concern for survival not by statements, but by questions. "Did you learn at yeshiva? Study Talmud? Bava Batra, Bava Kama? You read Hebrew books? Can you go to the synagogue? Have you been to Israel?" As I answered affirmatively to most of the questions, streams of tears covered the questioner's face.

Paradoxically, they were tears of both sadness and joy. They were tears of sadness, because my answers reflected the freedom to do all the things which they were "forbidden and restricted from doing"; tears of joy, because my words signified to him that while Yiddishkeit may die in Russia, it will survive elsewhere in the world.

Members of the second annual summer trip to Israel head off to the Holy Land for seven weeks of touring and kibbutz life. Program is arranged by York University Jewish Student Federation. From left are, Louis Garber, Lisa Kronick, Mindy Buchbinder, Shelly Berneman, Howard Skopitz, Bob Brickman, Ira Goody, Michelle Goodman, Esther Grossman, Marlee Allen and David Gotfrid. Sitting from left are Bonnie Carson, Judy Tobe, Sandy Goldman, Afra Kwinta, Tami Tennen and Susan Weinberg.

Egypt may get line of credit worth millions

OTTAWA —

The Export Development Corporation is now exploring the possibility of negotiating a line of credit, worth up to $200 million, for Egypt, according to the Canada-Israel Committee's Middle East Digest.

John Bowles, director of corporate communications for the EDC, says the arrangement is still in very early stages and negotiations could drag over a couple of years, if they eventually reach fruition.

The first preliminary step in the process was taken when EDC President John A. MacDonald was in Cairo in March and agreed with the Egyptian minister of trade and supply to negotiate a credit protocol between the EDC and Egypt.

A credit protocol is a statement by the EDC expressing willingness to consider financing, up to a certain amount, of Canadian exports to a potential borrower. It is a non-binding agreement and only a tentative step toward negotiations for an actual line of credit which can be utilized by the borrower.

It appears that the Egyptian government hopes to use Canadian credit facilities in order to finance projects and to import capital goods within the context of their ambitious economic development plan.

A recent newspaper article in the Cairo daily Al-Akhbar indicated that Egypt is now preparing a detailed account which it will submit to the EDC regarding the projects it intends to implement, in conjunction with EDC credits.

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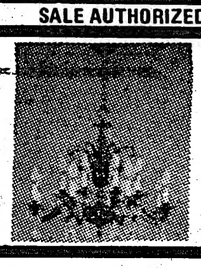
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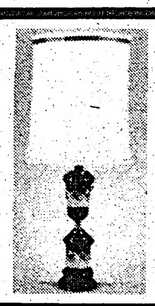
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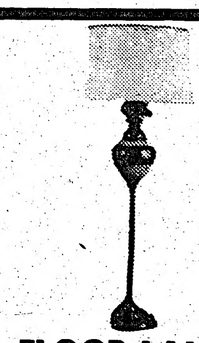
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FINESTONE ELECTED

Sheila Finestone has been elected president of La Federation des Femmes, the first non-French-Canadian to hold this position. The non-partisan federation has 130,000 members throughout Quebec and is concerned with issues that affect women. Mrs. Finestone has been a member since the group's inception 10 years ago after finishing her term as president of the women's federation of Allied Jewish Community Services.

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AJCS DOCUMENTARY

Work has begun on a 30-minute TV documentary about the 60 years of Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal. The program, to be seen in September, is part of the anniversary celebrations commemorating the federation that month.

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IT'S TODAY

The play **It's Today**, sponsored by the YMHA, will open tomorrow night at the Westhill Auditorium. **It's Today**, written by Montrealers **Abe Levine** and **Lil Silberstein**, features a cast of more than 50 actors. Show runs till June 5.

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HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL

The high school section of the young people's division of the Combined Jewish Appeal has embarked on a membership drive for the 1977 campaign. The students kicked off the drive with an inaugural meeting under the theme "Jewish consciousness-raising" last Wednesday.

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Philip F. Vineberg

MAN OF THE YEAR

Philip F. Vineberg, well-known Montreal lawyer, will be honored at the Israel Bonds 1977 Man of the Year dinner at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel June 15. A leading authority on taxation and economics, Vineberg's spheres of activity in the Jewish community include Montreal Bonds, Canadian Friends of Technion University, United Talmud Torahs and the Quebec Council of Christians and Jews. Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, **Chaim Herzog**, is guest speaker.

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BOY SCOUTS

The Jewish boy scouts of Montreal have been invited to a retreat this weekend in New York state by their counterparts in Albany.

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NEGEV DINNER

Nathan Scott, president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada, will be guest of honor at the Montreal Negev Dinner at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel this Thursday. **Moshe Rivlin**, world JNF chairman, will speak. Proceeds will go to the development of Canada Park.

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CONTEST WINNERS

Batsheva Paul, a fine arts student, won first prize — airfare to Israel — in the Canadian Jewish Congress Holocaust committee's "Lest we forget" contest. Second prize winners were **Michael Romoff, Alan Levy** and **Mitchell Rubin**, all of Herzliah High School. Batsheva's winning entry was a song she had written for Yom Hashoa.

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KLUTZNICK AT B.B. DINNER

Philip Klutznick, chairman of the board of governors of World Jewish Congress, will address the B'nai B'rith Community Dinner, May 31, at the Montefiore Club.

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GLUSTEIN HONORED

Educator **Yechiel Glustein** will be honored at a Kiddush Saturday morning, May 28, on the occasion of his 30th year of association with Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. He came to the Shaar as a teacher in its Hebrew School, advanced to head teacher, then principal of the Congregational schools and, more recently, became director of youth and education.

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COTLER IN ISRAEL

Canadian Jewish Congress co-president candidate, **Irwin Cotler**, left last week (May 18) for Israel. Cotler, a McGill law professor, will be lecturing at the Hebrew University until the end of June.

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LABOR ZIONISTS

Issiu Altman and **Herman Rubin**, founding members 22 years ago of the **H. M. Caiserman** Branch of the Labor Zionist Alliance, will be honored this Sunday at an Israel Bonds buncheon at the Capri Hotel.

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NCJW ON THE AIR

Be prepared to soon see a 30-second public service message about the National Council of Jewish Women flashed across your TV screen. The commercial is now seen in some cities and will eventually be aired throughout the country. Producer is **Joel Reitman**, son of national president **Dorothy Reitman.**

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B'NAI B'RITH WEEK

This weekend is your last chance to view the B'nai B'rith men, women and youth exhibits at the Cavendish Mall. The displays are part of the activities held between May 23-29, which was proclaimed by Cote St. Luc Mayor **Bernard Lang** as B'nai B'rith Week.

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JERUSALEM PARADE

All children born June 7, the day Jerusalem was liberated, will be personally congratulated by Jerusalem Mayor **Teddy Kollek** and presented with an autographed souvenir from the reviewing stand at the Yom Yerushalayim parade this Sunday. Anyone eligible should contact the information department of the Canadian Zionist Federation immediately.

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NCJW CONVENTION

Montrealers attending the 19th biennial convention in Toronto of the National Council of Jewish Women are: **Laura Schwartzbein, Frances Bokser, Marilyn Schacter, Beatrice Levine, Dorothy Reitman** (national president), **Shirley Kossman, Edith Teitelbaum** and **Gertrude Friedman**. Convention will take place May 29-June 2 at the Inn-On-The-Park.

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ANTIBIOTICS

An all-day symposium on the effectiveness of those cure-alls known as antibiotics is being held today in the Institute for Community and Family Psychiatry Auditorium of the Jewish General Hospital. The program, sponsored in conjunction with McGill, is the first in a series of practical answers to problems in primary care.

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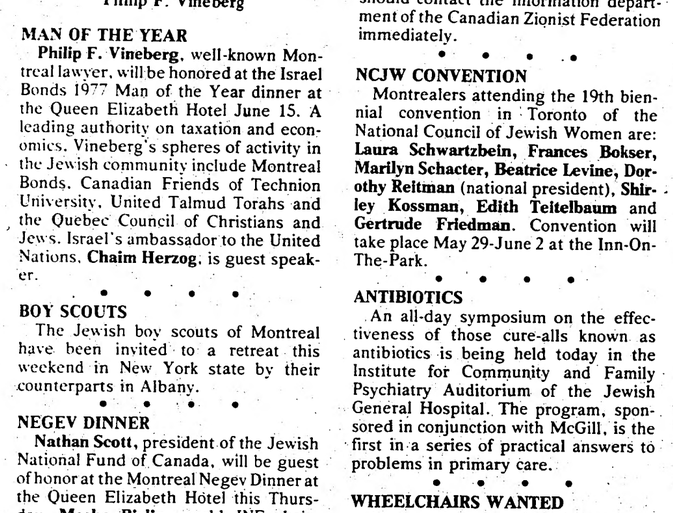
Anyone who has a wheelchair they no longer need should get in contact with **Abraham Merovitz** (277-4748). Merovitz, 78, recently returned from the Chaim Sheba Medical Centre in Tel-Hashomer, Israel, where he delivered 34 wheelchairs for disabled war veterans. The Montreal philanthropist is now searching for 34 more for another rehabilitation centre.



Abraham Merovitz with wheel chairs he collected. They are bound for Israel.

The Golden Age Association works on a massive quilt which will help mark the 60th anniversary of Jewish federation in Montreal – the prototype federation for Canada. It evolved into Allied Jewish Community Services which includes the Golden Age group as one of its 22 member agencies.

Ex-Soviet prisoner reveals spiritual crisis

By MEL SOLMAN

Of all the delegates who attended the plenary assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress, one individual stands out as coming from a particularly unique "outlying" Jewish community — Rostov-on-the-Don.

Lazar Liubarsky, a former Prisoner of Conscience in the Soviet Union, who now lives in Israel with his wife and two children, included a timely visit to Montreal as part of his North American tour.

Speaking in excellent English, Liubarsky observed that the Soviet Union, in general, is now undergoing many problems which are the result of a spiritual crisis. Soviet prisoners, he said, whether Jewish or not, who believe in a spiritual life, find the strength to stand up to the Soviet government.

"Because the Jews have led the way and have given other groups courage, the Soviet authorities have tried to frighten the Jews and destroy Jewish movements.

The fact that there are Russian dissidents after 60 years of Soviet rule demonstrates, he said, the spiritual crisis present under the Communist system.

"But the authorities cannot admit this," he noted. "And they cannot simply brand hundreds of thousands of Russians who reach this conclusion as 'spies'. It is easier for them to say that the Jews are 'spies' or Zionists. Zionism for them is the symbol for anti-Soviet activity.

"That's why they put a 'mean accent' against the Jews in order to frighten the other non-Jewish movements. In this way, they think they can solve all their problems at once."

Liubarsky said that there would come a day when there would be changes in the Soviet Union. When asked whether he meant a second Russian revolution, he replied that the Russian people were very passive and were not likely to bring about a full-scale revolution.

"There must be some changes," he said. "Maybe, after Brezhnev's death." He believed that even now Brezhnev was seeing that things were not the way they should be. However, he felt that the Soviet leader could not find the strength to admit, after so many years, that the Communist doctrine of dialectical materialism was inadequate.

Born in 1926 in Beltsy, Moldavia, Liubarsky was evacuated to Kazakhstan during the Second World War along with his parents and his sister. He graduated from the Institute of Communications in Odessa and, in 1965, completed a post-graduate course in the Moscow Rebbarck Institute of Electrical Engineering.

In 1970, Liubarsky submitted an application to immigrate to Israel and underwent two years of continuous refusals.

In 1972, he was accused of disseminating slanderous fabrications against the Soviet Union. For this, he was sentenced to a four-year term in a Soviet prison. He said that his conviction was based on letters he wrote to Soviet officials complaining about the lack of Soviet Jewish cultural, religious and communal institutions and on his protests against Soviet anti-Semitism.

When asked why he had continued to believe he would be released from prison and would immigrate to Israel even when all evidence pointed to the contrary, he said that many prisoners, like himself, at some point pass a certain psychological barrier.

"For that prisoner, not the Soviet authorities and not the internal officers of the prison can stand in his way."

Following his release from prison, Liubarsky was given permission to leave the Soviet Union and in December, 1976, together with his family, he finally arrived in Israel.

'Form Quebec communal body'

[Staff] —

One proposal that aroused surprisingly little discussion at the recent plenary assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress was Joe Kage's proposal for the creation of a Quebec Jewish Community Council.

Kage, executive vice-president of JIAS, believes that there are a "substantial number" of Quebec Jews who are not formally affiliated with either of the main co-ordinating bodies representing Jewry in this province — Allied Jewish Community Services or Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region. They have, therefore, no voice as Jews in what happens in Quebec.

"I suggest that AJCS and Congress convene a conference of delegates representing the various institutional, organizational and other segments of Quebec Jewry in order to evaluate the inauguration of the Quebec Jewish Community Council, a Vaad Hakehila of Quebec, an independent-interdependent communal body, devoted specifically to the changing aspects of Quebec society."

Kage leaves the details of the council's form open, but sees an elected executive, representing various communal organizations including the currently unaffiliated ones, and perhaps one or two professionals.

The council should be financed by the Combined Jewish Appeal, with such assistance as may be needed from the National Budgeting Conference on Canadian Jewry, "because whatever the specific Quebec problems might be, the ties that bind Canadian Jewry ought to be kept intact.

"This new body would reach out to all, not just to certain segments of Quebec Jewry, establish a program of research, establish ties with Quebec society and involve the entire Jewish community in the dynamism of changes before us and an incisive program of mutual recognition," said Kage.

The Eastern Region of Congress has been "weakened," he added, and cannot provide the necessary representation and AJCS is strictly a welfare and fund-raising body. It is apolitical and should remain so.

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Israel President Ephraim Katzir (second from right) and Ben-Gurion U. President Josef Tekoah present Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Cummings with a replica of new campus plaza dedicated in honor of Cummings on his 80th birthday. Fourteen members of Cummings family and numerous friends were in attendance.

'Power and position may moderate Begin'

IN MY VIEW

By CHARLES LAZARUS

Menachem Begin

Who remembers that famous "They all laughed ..." slogan for a product I don't even remember?

Well, a couple of months ago, again, they all laughed.

This time it was in Montreal on the occasion of a visit by Menachem Begin with his Herut followers.

Since Ben Milner, national president, and the Zionist Revisionist national headquarters are located in Montreal, it was appropriate for Menachem Begin to stop off here before going on to Toronto and other ports of call.

In view of the fact that Israel's Likud leader has been a believer in private enterprise and that private investment can be Israel's economic savior — he also looks and acts the part, in decided contrast to his early days in the Holy Land — it was entirely appropriate that he stay at the Ritz Carlton.

In fact, every time I've chatted with Menachem Begin through the years in Montreal, it was at the posh, plush Ritz.

So this time there we were, he and I only a few weeks ago, and acting as the accredited Montreal Star reporter, I asked him point blank if, after all this time, he really still expected to win.

"I say our chance of victory is real, and when I use the word chance, it means possibility but not certainty."

For one who's supposed to be a "hawk", that sounded very unhawklike. In fact, it was almost cautious. But still, I used it as the "lead" of my report the next day; the headline over three-columns read "Israeli 'Hawk' Eyes Top Post", and people laughed.

How could I be so naive and taken in by Begin's "smoothness," a friend of mine from the Labor Zionists said.

Because I am naive, I replied, and that, I think, is the secret of expertise.

At around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, The Star's editor asked me to get some comment from Zionist officials here on the Israeli election results.

That must have been about the time in Israel when Shimon Peres and his Labor people realized that they felt like Robert Bourassa and his Liberals on Nov. 15 last.

Well, the Zionist leaders' comments were and were not predictable.

Ben Milner, of course, was gracious, surprisingly gracious, in the victory of his leader, in fact making an urgent appeal for all Jewish leaders to work together for the good of Israel, and now was not the time to run scared of Begin as a rigid hawk.

Begin, he said, is ready to talk peace anywhere, any time, "without preconditions." Thus spake Ben Milner for his leader.

I tried to reach the Labor Zionists for reaction but there was no one available.

So I settled for Leon Kronitz, executive vice-president of theCanadian Zionist Federation — his roots are Labor Zionist — and his first words were: "We consider Menachem Begin a responsible man ....."

Fair enough, I thought.

In addition, however, my phone has been ringing with calls of comment from friends and relatives, showing degrees of reaction ranging from one man saying "It's the age of Messiah," to another making me feel that Menachem Begin was Rene Levesque, Israel was Quebec, and May 17, 1977 was November 15, 1976.

Of course it's all ridiculous, these reactions.

What will be will be, and it does not follow that the Menachem Begin of today is necessarily that Menachem Begin of 1945 or even 1975.

Power and position gives politicians a strange sense of reality and pragmatism.

Also, it makes poor sense to play the Arab game by saying with Begin ready to begin his who-knows-what, negotiations have less chance of success than ever.

If that's true, how come the Arabs didn't sit down with the "moderates" for all these years? And how come the "moderates" haven't been able to persuade the Arabs that it's easier to do business with them than it would be with a Menachem Begin?

The "untershfeh shurah", of course, is that politics makes strange bedfellows, and bedfellows make even stranger politics.

So hold on to your hats, and from now on, let nothing surprise you about the power struggle in Israel.

Role of CJC won't change vis-a-vis Jewish education

By JANICE ARNOLD

Canadian Jewish Congress' role in Jewish education will not alter greatly over the next three years except for the organization of a national conference of education next year.

This is an apparent compromise between the establishment of a national education committee and the total abstention of Congress from an area some feel is best administered by regional organizations.

There was a consensus at the recent CJC plenary that it is time Congress either got involved or bowed out of Jewish education. Said Donald Carr, CJC honorary counsel, at one workshop: "The national role of Congress in education has been the subject matter of plenary assembly after plenary assembly — in concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, resolutions committees, floor fights and resounding national declarations — almost ad nauseum....One wonders whether the resurrection of this topic can lead to any useful result.

"Put simply, it is my view that any attempt to re-establish a national education department or even a national education committee would be a waste of time and money."

Carr, a Toronto Jewish Congress vice-president, maintained that the problems facing Jewish education — placement of teachers, funding, and supervision of curricula and teaching aids — are essentially regional and can only be solved, if at all, at that level.

The only national activity might be a forum to air common experiences, exchange views and compare curricula and standards. This could be a conference of lay and professional educators held on a regular basis, Carr suggested.

Speaking for greater involvement in education by Congress, Evelyn Katz, president of the Ramah School of Winnipeg, said a national education committee could co-ordinate research into education; aid in the development of tests in Yiddish and Hebrew; improve teacher training and placement, and find more audio-visual tools and texts for Jewish studies. (It was resolved that Congress help in the preparation of Yiddish and Hebrew texts and strengthen the training of Yiddish teachers.)

"A national education committee would provide an avenue for sharing, especially with smaller communities, which we don't have now. If there was more direction from the top, there would be more unity of purpose at the local level," said Mrs. Katz.

Other resolutions on Jewish education include that Congress:

— appeal to both federal and provincial governments, wherever and whenever appropriate, for financial assistance;

— impress upon communal and synagogue leadership that education

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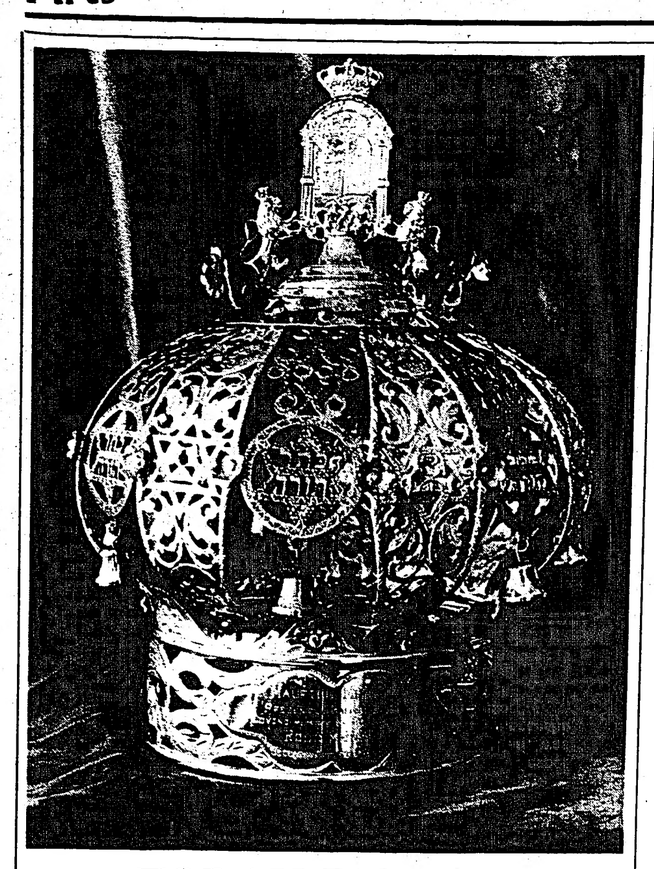

TORAH DISPLAY

Crowns of the Torah – the new Heritage Museum display at the Baycrest Centre of Geriatric Care, opens May 29 at 8:30 p.m. in the Abe Posluns Auditorium. Silver and gold crowns and rimonim from Torahs have been borrowed from a number of Toronto shuls. Show will run till end of July.

Annie Hall is a gem

film

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Woody Allen's **Annie Hall** (at Plaza I and Towne and Countrye) is a lovely gem of a movie.

As with all gems there are many sides to it. The film is at once autobiographical, wildly funny, satirical, romantic, touching, but most of all, charming. The film captivates you with all its shining qualities and leaves you feeling great.

It is about Alvy Singer, a night-club comedian, his 'very close relationship' with an up-and-coming singer, Annie Hall, and the effect it has on both of them.

The parallel lines between Allen's real-life relationship with his co-star Diane Keaton, and Alvy's relationship with Annie Hall are so close as to be almost one and the same line. All very well and good, but that's only one side of the movie.

Writer Allen with co-writer Marshall Brickman have packed the film with the usual Woody Allen one liners, delivered by actor Allen with his usual crispness, and completed by his usual dead-panned expression — drooping eyes, and permanently knit eyebrows.

The writer and the actor are expertly aided by Allen the director, who presents humor of situation with the same precise hilarious result. We have all had to stand in a movie line-up and listen to the perfect stranger theorizing about the true meaning of something or other, and we know deep in our hearts the person is full of bologna. What to do? Usually grin and bear it. Not Woody Allen. He shows us a wind-bag in a movie line-up expounding on Marshall McLuhan. Alvy turns to him and says he's full of hot air, and to prove his point he drags the offending fellow over to the side, and out of nowhere comes Marshall McLuhan, who, in his usual articulate manner, tells the fellow in so many words that he's full of bologna.

Allen is a master at presenting such situations then deflating the person responsible with a minimum of time and effort, but a maximum of result.

His portrayal of Alvy's Jewish family is priceless. They are loud talkers and hearty eaters who laugh, joke, make fun of themselves, care about one another and love. By being very specific with one family, he has shown one of the beautiful essences of being Jewish and it's done with taste and charm.

The charm extends to Diane Keaton as Annie Hall. Watch this girl — she's too fine an actress to forget. She is different in almost every scene — sometimes she's super-sophisticated, sometimes a colorful mish-mash, or girlish, or womanly, but always different and always right for the scene. And Woody Allen as Alvy is just as endearing. True, he's full of neuroses and everything is traumatic for him, but he makes Alvy loveable and we care about him.

Annie Hall is a lovely movie. Have a good time.

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Born in Toronto — sons of the cantor of the recently renovated Minsker Shul in Kensington — the Brothers Zim tremendously impressed a knowledgeable audience at Beth Sholom, on May 8, with their liturgical abilities. In fact, it is highly likely that when they do end their concert tours, both brothers will become major cantors of world stature.

Both Sol and Paul Zim possess rich, operatic tenor voices. From a serious music standpoint, the highlight of the evening was Sol Zim's original cantorial composition, **Ani Ma'anim**, which displayed his expert vocal technical skills: for example, his ability to project both a nasal kvetch (in the best sense) and a full-vibrato sound, as well as several textural variations in between.

Paul's outstanding solo number was an intelligent interpolation of a well-known operatic tour de force from **I Pagliacci** with Anthony Newley's **What Kind of Fool am I**, which displayed his subtle sensitivity in differentiating between opera romanticism and modern show romanticism; the former approach being aristocratically grandiloquent; the latter approach being more humanistically expressive.

Yet in the lighter Yiddish and modern Israeli folk standards, The Brothers Zim correctly discarded classical pretense in favor of a casual, yet still full-blooded vocal amiability which allowed for a maximum degree of rapport with the audience.

Again, the highlight was their original melodic rendition of **Am Israel Chai**. Another highly enjoyable selection was their rendition of the familiar musical story concerning the auditioning cantors: the Galitzianer, the Litvak, etc.

The Brothers Zim — Sol and Paul

The Brothers Zim have that unique ability to appeal to all generations.

In this day of rising Jewish consciousness among the younger generation, I am sure they will find a whole new younger audience and at the same time be able to maintain their appeal among their existing fans by continuing to emphasize their formal Jewish musical backgrounds.

Opening comedian Lou Mason quickly established an admirably natural rapport with his audience through his empathetical-raconteur style of gentle humor. With the exception of one minor sexist joke, his style was never at anybody else's expense, but nonetheless drew ample laughs through means of his warm, friendly stories relating droll situations in a compassionate manner.

The technical aspect of the concert, especially in the first half, was unfortunately makeshift. The Beth Sholom auditorium is an echo chamber because the ceiling is flat (as opposed to domelike) and lacks pegholes, which in a flat ceiling are necessary to absorb the excess reverberations.

For this reason, ordinary mikes just did not suffice. Thus, both Cantor Ephraim Rosenberg's opening two stirring selections and much of Lou Mason's talk sounded blurred in the rear seats. In fact, spectators were asking Lou Mason to speak louder.

When The Brothers Zim, who brought their own hand mikes, came on stage, the situation was considerably improved, even though the amplifiers rumbled in the first number before a proper level was achieved. But in the future, just as in a few other large synagogue sanctuaries in Toronto, a major concert such as this one does require a comprehensive sound system which can operate independently of the structural acoustics.

As the evening of May 8 was Erev Yom Yerushalayim, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Jerusalem, there were several brief speeches to appropriately mark the occasion, along with an appearance of Victor and Louisa Kugler, who sheltered Anne Frank during the German occupation of Amsterdam during World War II.

Young celebrate Jerusalem Day in art exhibit

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Thousands of children from all over the world have sent in drawings as part of the international children's exhibition on Jerusalem on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the city's reunification.

The drawings, gathered at the government information centre here, depict Jerusalem as seen in the minds of children who have never been here nor even viewed a photograph of the city.

One nine-year-old boy from Burma drew Jerusalem as a city where children walk with flowers in their hands among Far East-style pagodas. A 13-year-old girl from Norway saw Jerusalem as a city of beautiful churches decorated with menorahs and Stars of David.

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Tennis gives new dimension to Israel

By CHARLES LAZARUS

At Mirabel airport, Montreal's official gateway to Israel, the El Al counter is particularly busy these days, what with the seasonal push already underway for the four flights weekly to Tel Aviv.

This year, however, may turn out to be just a little different because El Al's staff at the Mirabel counter may be facing a new problem — although not really an unpleasant one: trying to make passengers understand that tennis gear and golf equipment must be weighed as luggage, as much as suits, skirts, shirts and shorts (to say nothing of gifts for Israeli friends and relatives) artfully packed in every nook and cranny of the travelling bags.

While it is true that the 747s and 707s heading for Ben Gurion Airport have more than sufficient baggage space for golf and tennis equipment, it is also true that Israel is no longer a country to be visited only for reasons sentimental and ideological.

In fact, what has been happening is that Israel's tourist industry, both the public and private sectors, is now fully oriented to North Americans,—for whom golf and tennis are not only important to their sense of status and physical well-being, but for whom it is also an integral part of their holiday way of life.

Golf is present at the Caesarea Country Club, close by the Dan Caesarea Hotel.

But even if it is the only course in the country, a short drive north of Tel Aviv to Caesarea, it belongs in Israel as nowhere else, simply because I'm convinced that if golf wasn't a Jewish sports invention with "chai" (18) holes, we wouldn't have a right to make the claim.

It is tennis, however, that is the big thing in Israel today, its new popularity having swept across the seas from North America to the Holy Land. The leading hotels have tennis courts, the latest being CP Hotels' Tiberias Plaza on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

The real big news for the sports-minded was the recent dedication of the Canada Stadium at the Israel Tennis Centre complex, just north of Tel Aviv at Ramat Hasharon.

There is something about finding the presence of one's native land when touring abroad, and Canada's visibility in Israel should particularly enhance the pride of Canadian tourists, Jewish and non-Jewish, in visiting or using this tennis complex — whether their play is of professional calibre, or strictly bush.

There has been quite a campaign to get tennis going in Israel, with hyper-activity by the lobbyists — those who "lob" the ball across the net.

Now that it is a dramatic fact of Israeli sports life, both for natives and tourists, a few words about the Canada Stadium, whose dedication was participated in by Ambassador Edward Lee.

Abe Gruber, a nice, easy-going spark-plug (if that's possible) and a veteran professional with organizations such as Israel Bonds and most recently, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, is an old tennis buff and devotes much of his time voluntarily to the Israel project.

"The Centre Court Stadium," says Gruber, "seating about 6,000, is being designated as Canada Stadium in recognition of the outstanding effort which Canadians have made, raising $500,000 of the Centre's world objective of $3 million."

"The stadium will fly the Canadian flag at all times, and will be the scene of international professional competition, Davis Cup tournaments, Maccabiah Games and the like.

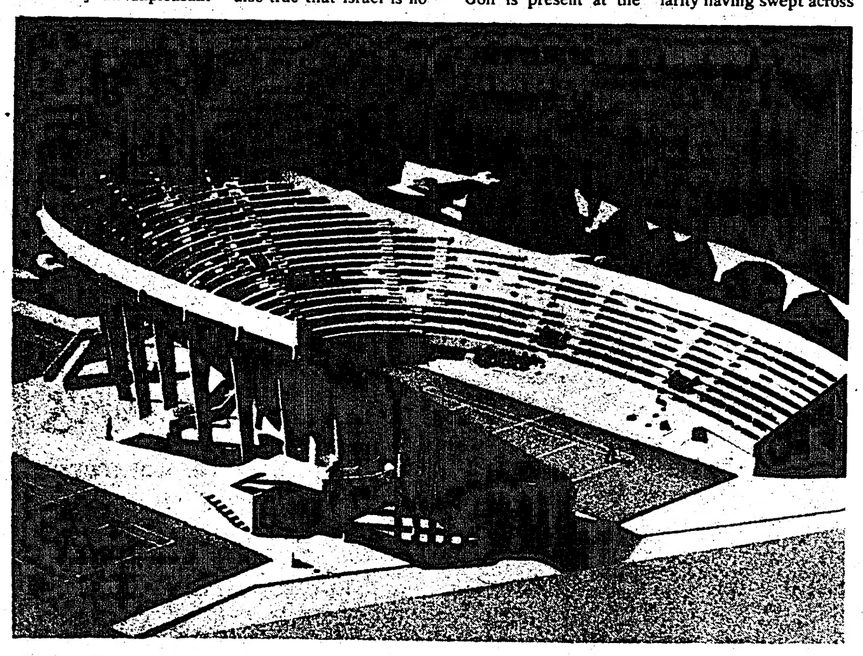
"A miniature Forest Hills, the Tennis Centre will put Israel on the map of the world of tennis and in due time will make Israeli court competitors a force to be reckoned with in international competition."

So far so good, but even better is the fact that the Tennis Centre near Tel Aviv, which includes Canada Stadium, is available for use by visitors, who can take advantage of instruction staff.

All this is a new dimension of visiting Israel which has to be seen to be appreciated; and the best appreciation, I think, comes from Jack Cummings of Montreal, who with his wife Norma are members of the national executive committee:

"Most significant, I think, is that the tennis project reflects Israel's great determination to normalize and improve the quality of life, for natives and visitors, no matter what the tensions and day-to-day problems. For that alone they deserve support."

Tennis anyone? Tennis just about everyone, these days.



This is Canada Stadium which was recently dedicated at Israel Tennis Centre in Ramat Hasharon.

300-year-old Senate House popular NY tourist attraction

ALBANY, NY —

Catskill Mountain tourists and vacationists interested in New York's early history frequently stop in Kingston to visit the spot where the New York State Senate held its first session, on Sept. 19, 1777.

Strangely out of place among its more modern surroundings, the almost 300-year-old Senate House stands at Clinton Avenue and Front Street in quiet defiance of the passage of time. The two-storey stone building, with its sloping roof and slanting gables, its shuttered windows and heavy doors, was the scene of memorable events during the revolution, says the state Department of Commerce.

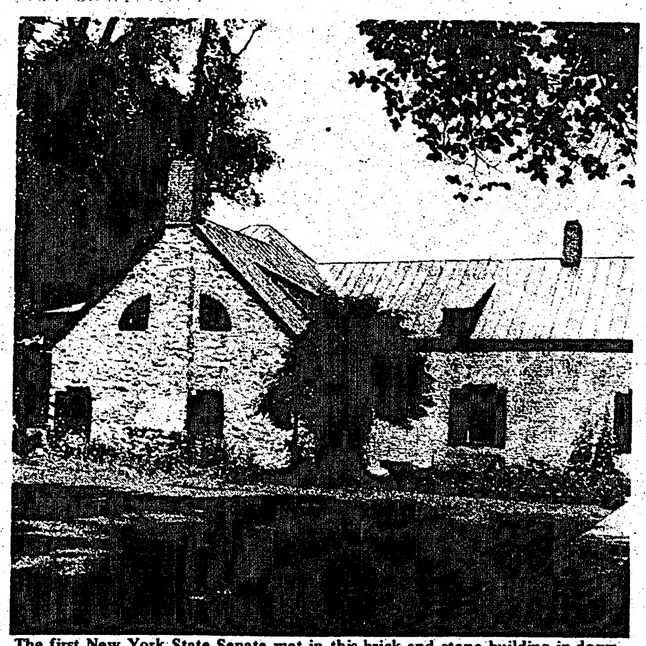
In 1777, the Senate House, then the home of Abram Van Gaasbeck, was already more than 100 years old. The Hudson Valley was aflame with early fall leaves and with rumors of advancing British armies, one headed by Sir Henry Clinton coming up the Hudson from New York, and the other from Canada led by General Burgoyne.

The elected New York State government fled northward as Clinton's army advanced. On the morning of Sept. 10, 1777, a quorum of 23 state senators gathered for a meeting in the Van Gaasbeck home. Seldom has any legislative body met under less auspicious circumstances. The session was hurried and often interrupted by reports of British advances.

The Senate adjourned Oct. 7 and nine days later Clinton's fleet pulled into Kingston and burned the city. But in their haste to leave, the British hardly more than began the Senate House fire. As the British withdrew the colonial firefighters returned to save much of the building.

The Senate House continued as a private home after the revolution until 1887 when the state took over the property. In 1948-49, the first floor was restored to conform to its 1777 character. Present furnishings in the Senate House are typical of the Revolutionary War period.

The Senate House Museum, a new, nearby building, houses a large collection of the paintings of John Vanderlyn, Kingston-born artist who was a contemporary of Stuart, Copley and Peale. In a special "Governor's Room," the museum exhibits photographs, autographed documents and mementos of every New York State governor.



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Role of Congress cannot change

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be given foremost priority;

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A resolution on the French language states Congress should promote and, where needed, commission the publication of "such materials in the French language for the purposes of communicating Jewish values, history and culture to Jewish francophone adults and school-age youth, as well as to the francophones of non-Jewish backgrounds and heritage."

It was also resolved that the study of the Holocaust be mandatory in elementary and high school grades, but that it be seen that teachers are adequately trained in the subject. Congress should encourage the teaching of the Holocaust in the public schools, it was further resolved.

Some disappointment was expressed at the exclusion of Canadian Jewish history from the work of a revitalized Congress Bureau of Social and Economic Research at the session on research into Canadian Jewish life. There were those, among them Abe Arnold of Winnipeg, who felt Canadian Jewish Jewish students.

history should be an important part of a Jewish education.

The report on a new bureau, authored by Saul Hayes, would be given a seven-year mandate and a budget of $300,000. Its function would be to gather facts and make analyses on Canadian Jewish life, an area that has been lacking in research for several years.

The resolution on Yiddish and Hebrew called on Congress to approve the proposal of some provincial governments to fund third language teaching as a supplementary subject in public schools and to encourage the introduction of Yiddish and Hebrew courses in public high schools where there are substantial numbers of

At the workshop on Jewish studies in public schools, Rabbi Jay Braverman, educational director of United Talmud Torahs of Montreal, stressed that it is crucial that ways be found to reach the 60% of Jewish children in Montreal who receive no Jewish education.

Braverman is a member of the Jewish sub-committee of the Committee for Intercultural and Interconfessional Education, a division of the Superior Council of Education, which will issue a final report in June.

Some suggestions for courses in Jewish studies in the public schools outlined in a report issued at the workshop include: Jewish ethics, philosophy and mysticism; the Jewish view of contemporary moral problems; the modern state of Israel; the Holocaust; Jewish history in retrospect; and Jewish themes in contemporary popular novels.

The three main questions surrounding Jewish education in public schools, said Braverman, are: Will enrolment fall in the day and afternoon schools if Jewish studies are introduced into Protestant schools where students are predominantly Jewish? Will non-Jews take the courses as well? Should they be mandatory or optional?

The major problem is overcoming parents' prejudice against religious instruction in public schools, having traditionally favored a neutral system, Braverman said. Another is finding out just what books and other teaching tools are available. Yet another is to get the students interested.

"If we put our minds to it, if we wanted to do it, we would.... It seems the Jewish community doesn't care that 60% of its children receive no Jewish education," said Braverman. "The problem is not that we do not have qualified teachers or materials, but that we really don't see this as a priority. I hope it doesn't become a priority too late."

PQ outlines its policy

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cult for the community to function. Declaring that confidence was not adequately present in the Quebec economy today, Dr. Goldbloom said that an increasing number of young and mobile Jews just might emigrate, leaving the community smaller and older.

He emphasized that Jews were neither willing nor able to assimilate into French Canadian society, and that the community was federalist in outlook and viewed its well-being within the framework of Canada rather than in a separate Quebec state.

Despite the largely nonpartisan tone of his speech, Dr. Goldbloom attacked the PQ for "acting as if separation was already a fact." The brunt of his assault was directed against Bill 1.

Another speaker, Yoram Dinstein, a Tel Aviv University professor of international law currently teaching in Toronto, warned that anti-Semitism has not petered out but has merely been suspended as a result of the Holocaust.

He said that anti-Semitism "is rearing its ugly head again" because the generation presently growing into adulthood "hasn't felt the Holocaust." Dinstein said Israel was the only country where a recurrence of the Holocaust was impossible. He said the first loyalty of Jews should be to themselves, but he argued strongly against the concept of a closed, isolated Diaspora immune to outside influence.

Attacking the Breira movement for being composed of radicals unaware of the fact that the Vietnam war has ended, Dinstein said Diaspora Jewry should not air differences over Israel in public. Criticizing Jews who conduct talks with Arab leaders, the Israeli said, somewhat sarcastically, that Israel's future would be determined along the banks of the Jordan rather than Toronto's Don or Humber.

Arnold Ages, a professor who writes for a number of anglo-Jewish newspapers, spoke of the "ominous tilts" in Canadian policy vis-a-vis the Middle East. Canada, he said, should follow a policy of moral rectitude at the United Nations. On balance, however, Canada's record at the UN was "acceptable, but it could be a lot better," he explained.

Myer Bick, director of the Canada-Israel Committee, analysed the impact of the Arab boycott on Canada, while Ben Kayfetz, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, described the "disturbing trend" in the world to minimize the Holocaust.

Rev. Roland De Corneille, national director of BB's League for Human Rights, said Canada — in common with other countries — faced disintegration. Bruce McLeod, an Ontario Human Rights Commission panelist, said the concern for human rights in the province was part of a "fragile tradition" and could "not be taken for granted."

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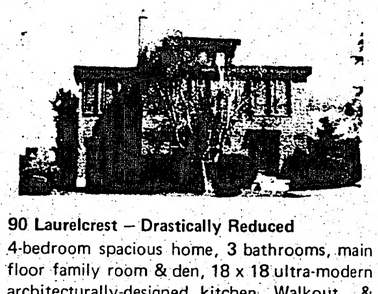
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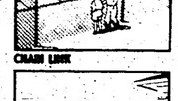
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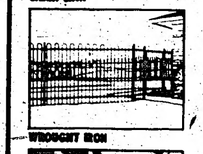
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York Mills-Bayview
Old Colony Road
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UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Ichiskel Ferber**, husband of Toby, father of Philip, will take place on Sunday, May 29, 1977, 11 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Warsho Lodzer section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 27

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of **Elizabeth Klein** will take place on Sunday, May 29, 1977, 10:30 a.m., Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 27

The unveiling of a memorial stone for the late **Samuel Louis Shields** Sunday, June 5, 1977, 11:15 sharp, Dawes Road Cemetery, Keltzer Congregation. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. 27

A stone will be unveiled in the memory of the late **Aubrey Levy**, Sunday, May 29 at 11 a.m., Dawes Road Cemetery, new Beth Tzedec section. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. 27

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Technical

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Last year Israel topped world exports of polished industrial and gem diamonds. Its other chief exports were industrial goods such as electronics, metal machinery and transportation equipment, and fashion and textile exports.

Canada-Israel Development Ltd. President Jack Brin has been living in Israel for 45 years and virtually "grew up with the economy". He admits that there are several factors which make it difficult for Canadian investors to come into Israel, but says that his company, formed in 1960 by the late Sam Bronfman, "has never looked back".

"I have seen investors come here for two weeks and go away frustrated, some with the keenest will in the world don't find sufficient attraction to come in....Somebody from 3,000 miles away comes and says invest because it's a good thing. It's not easy."

Boycott

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posals involved Saudia Arabia and on one occasion, Iraq, says Chisvin, and the requests occurred within the last 1½ years. "I'd love to work in the Middle East," he adds, but the Jewish handicap is the only thing holding him back.

He was surprised and dismayed with the degree of apathy displayed at the CEO meeting with regards to the boycott. Not only were there a large number of abstentions, but several members were unaware of the Arab boycott entirely.

In a phone interview from his Montreal office, Beauchemin said that while he doesn't favor the boycott, per se, he opposes "the decision of the federal government to unilaterally give itself power it doesn't have, by naming firms."

Government intervention, through legislation, is undesirable, he argued, because it "creates the impression automatically that firms doing business in the Middle East are immoral."

Legislation would increase "the bad climate" raised by the boycott controversy, he added, a climate which he claimed has already hampered business in the Mideast. His association represents 800 firms.

"I get the impression," he said, "that Jews have become emotional about this. The boycott clauses only use the word 'Jew' once or twice." The boycott is not necessarily directed against Jews, he noted, and Jews are not tied to Israel any more than Catholics are to France or Protestants to England.

OBITUARIES

Adler, Max - On May 3, late of 6000 Bathurst Street

Bendrihem, Simy - On April 27, late of 1024 Davenport Rd.

Biro, Istvan - On April 25, late of 5723 Melling, Cote St. Luc, Montreal

Cooper, Irving - On May 8, late of 400 Walmer Road

Epstein, Morris - On May 8, late of 21 Dale Avenue

Gerstein, Isadore - On May 8, late of 65 Bainbridge Avenue

Gofman, Naum - On May 6, late of 2121 Bathurst Street

Goldenberg, Harry - On May 6, late of 72 Cloverlawn Avenue

Greenspan, Harry - On May 3, late of 4 Delia Ct., Downsview

Houzer, Samuel - On April 30, late of 85 Concord Ave.

Kansun, Sesil - On May 4, late of 164 Maxome Avenue

Landsberg, Emma - On May 6, late of 2121 Bathurst Street

Ruskin, Frances - On April 23, late of 3690 Bathurst St.

Shoot, Evan - On May 9, late of 477 Shaw Street

Silverberg, Sarah - On April 26, late of 113 Frontenac Avenue

Slakter, Julius - On May 1, late of 477 Bedford Pk. Avenue

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(David Groskind photograph)

Members of the Danielle Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women work on a quilt to be sold at its annual bazaar to be held June 1st at Exhibition Place. From left, they are Marti Pilz, Tammy Tiefenbach and Marilyn Solomon. The bazaar, which starts at 10 and runs until 1 a.m., features sales of new merchandise, home made delicacies, a plant booth and a number of other assorted auctions.

Jewish 'Roots' is published

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Mishpacha. Sooner or later, wherever Jews meet, the conversation is bound to turn to it. Who's related to whom. It ranks with the game of who's a Jew.

Now comes a book that tells it all: a Jewish Roots; a vast Jewish family tree that begins somewhere in the 16th century and dangles from its branches names like Moses Mendelssohn and his grandson Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Helena Rubinstein and Martin Buber (who were cousins).

And there's Karl Marx who, had he wished, could have boasted of no less than three grandfathers who were chief rabbis, three chief rabbis of the British Empire, David Halberstam and the 'kosher establishments of Horowitz-Margareten' and an assortment of famous rabbis.

The Rothschilds, the Montefiores, the Samuels and the Sassoons are there, not to mention little forays into the British aristocracy, the German aristocracy and the royal house of Siam.

The book is called **The Unbroken Chain** and it traces the dynasty of Rabbi Meir Katzenellenbogen. The dust jacket proclaims "well known is the fact that Queen Victoria was the royal matriarch of England's Queen Elizabeth, Russia's Tzaritsa Alexandra, Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm, Greece's King Constantine and Spain's present monarch King Juan Carlos.

"But shrouded in the annals of European history is the lesser known fact that a 16th century Rabbi Meir of the university of Padua, Italy, was the father of the confidant of Prince Radziwell and the grandfather of the Polish "King for a Night," Saul Wahl. Rabbi Meir, known in the rabbinical world as the MaHaRaM of Padua, claimed descent from the Royal House of David."

The author is Neil Rosenstein, a young surgeon from Cape Town, South Africa, who now lives in Elizabeth, N.J., with his wife and three small sons. In Hamilton recently to visit his brother-in-law, he says it all began with tales his father, an immigrant from Vilna, used to tell about the family's 'royal ancestor'.

Fascinated by the stories, young Neil set out to prove the theory and by the time he was 16, in 1960, he was into serious research, visiting cemeteries, libraries and conducting an extensive correspondence with major institutions around the world.

"It became a disease, a bug that catches you," but he did not neglect his medical studies.

After graduating from Groote Schuur Hospital in 1967, at the same ceremony at which Christian Barnard was honored for his first heart transplant, he travelled to Italy to visit Rabbi Meir's grave in Padua. He interned in Tel Aviv, where he continued his research, and after moving to the U.S., in 1969, found a wealth of further material.

Following a conflict over the use of the name Katzenellenbogen — derived from the German town where the rabbi was born — descendants of Rabbi Meir's sister were allowed to use the same name with the different spelling of Katzenellenpogen.

Rosenstein's research, while confirming the family tradition, disproved the link with 'royalty', for it turned out that his paternal grandmother was descended from the female line.

It's not a novel, Rosenstein says, but a straightforward reference book with brief biographical sketches of major personalities. But the 716-page volume makes fascinating reading and it establishes, he claims, "that about 70-80% of East European Jewry is just one big cousinhood."

Published by Shengold Publishers, Inc., of New York, the first printing is already almost sold out and Rosenstein is busy preparing a second edition

Bernard Weisberg
LZA conference speaker

Bernard Weisberg

TORONTO —

Bernard M. Weisberg of New York, national executive director of the Labor Zionist Alliance, will be the guest speaker at the opening Oneg Shabbat session of the LZA 57th Toronto City Conference on Friday, May 27. His topic is "The Implications Following the Elections in Israel".

Weisberg received a bachelors degree from the Yeshiva College and is a graduate of the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University. He subsequently was awarded his MA from Columbia University and is working on his PhD at New York University.

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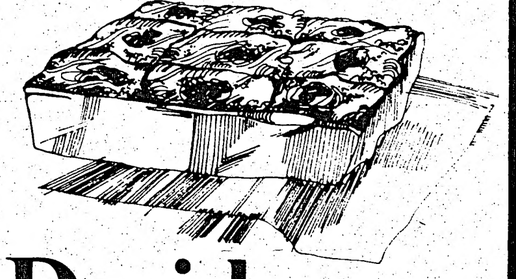
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